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A quest for the “Kpp” bound state via ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n)$ reaction, J-PARC E15 experiment

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Strong $\bar{K}N$ attraction! $\Lambda(1405) = K$ -p bound state?

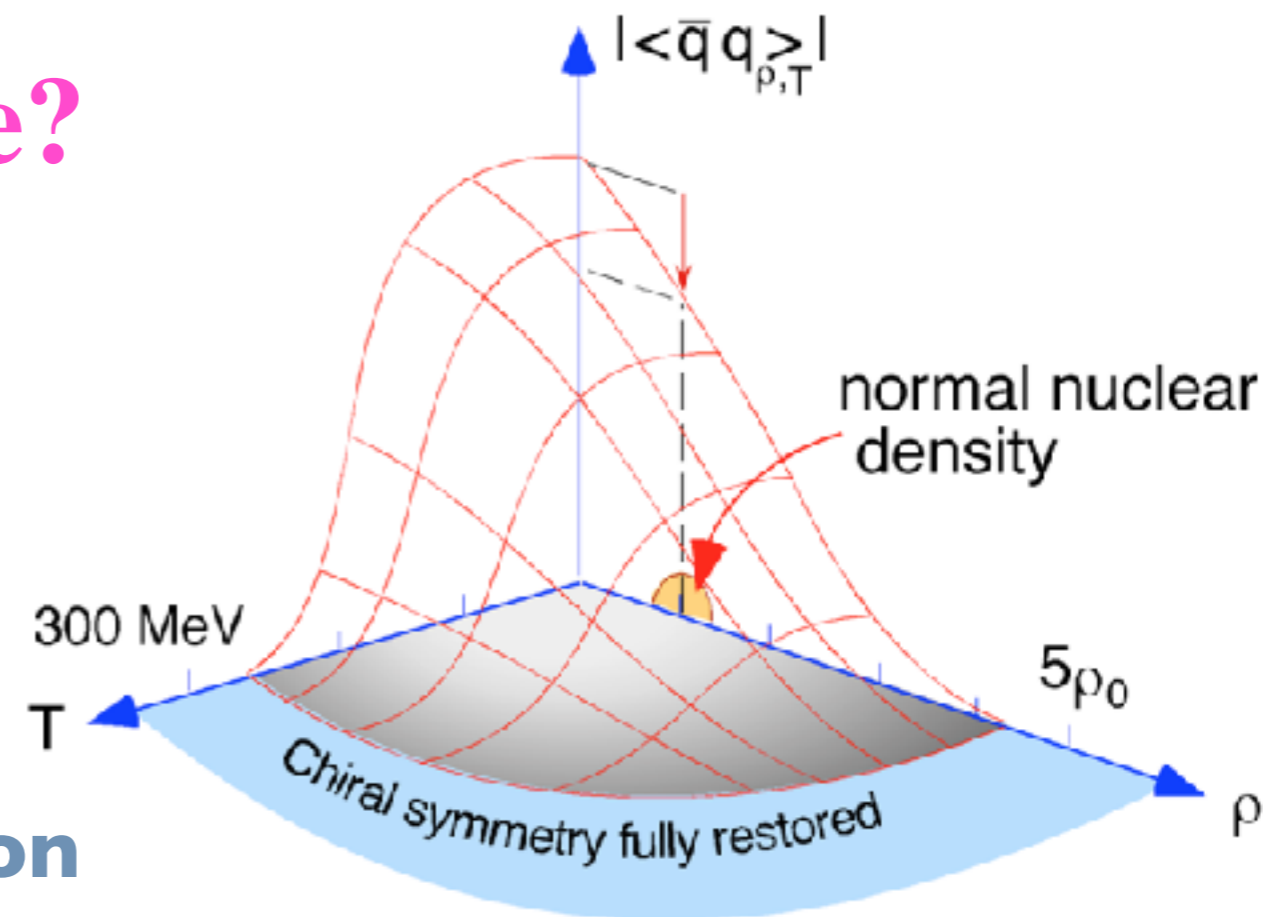
Many theoretical supports for the existence!

Key questions : → excellent introduction by Prof. Dote *etc.*

- **Can kaon (boson) be a member of nuclei?**
- **Kaon properties change in nuclear media?**
- **Size of kaon bound state?**

Could be a good probe for cold & dense QCD, to study the relation of hadron mass and χ -symmetry

$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ as QCD-Higgs condensation



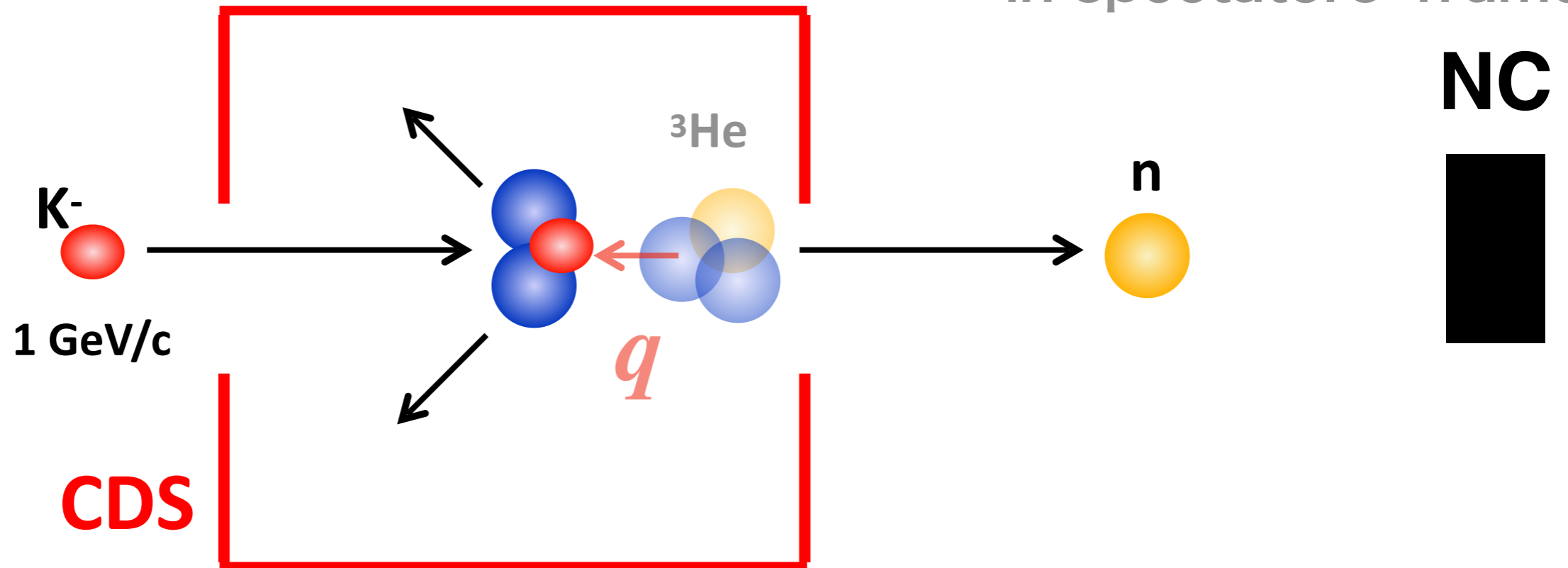
Semi-inclusive forward n

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$$q = p_n - p_K$$

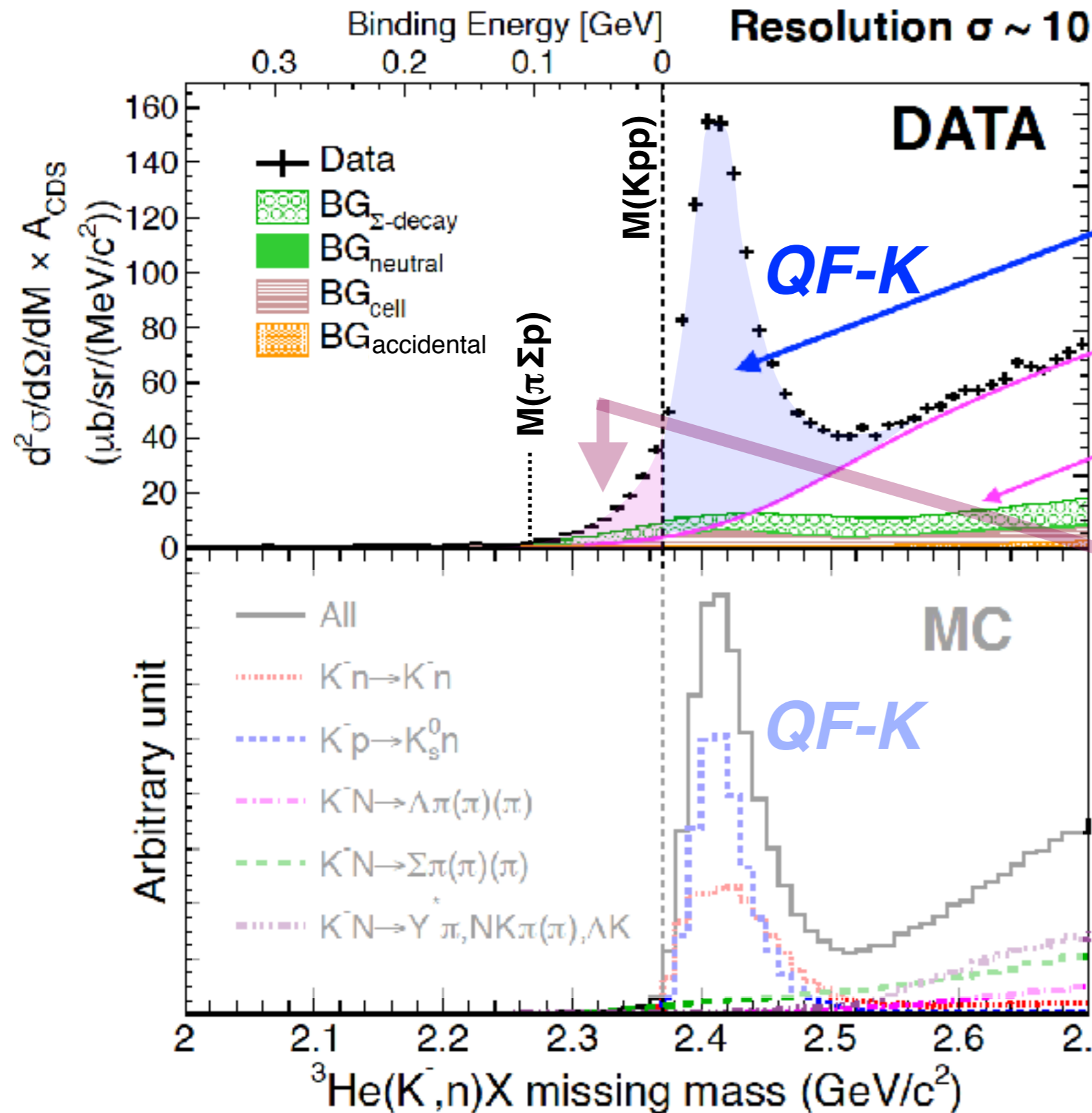
q: virtual kaon momentum

in spectators' frame



Does
quasi-free kaon (= “virtual kaon”)
stick to two spectator proton? @ $q \sim 200 \text{ MeV}/c$

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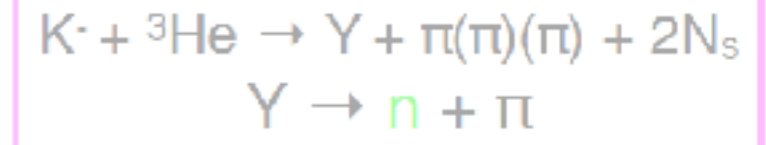


KN \rightarrow KN

Quasi-Free Kaon



Hyperon decay



not clear signal observed, where we expected large yield $\sim 1 \text{ mb/st}$ below the threshold $M(Kpp)$

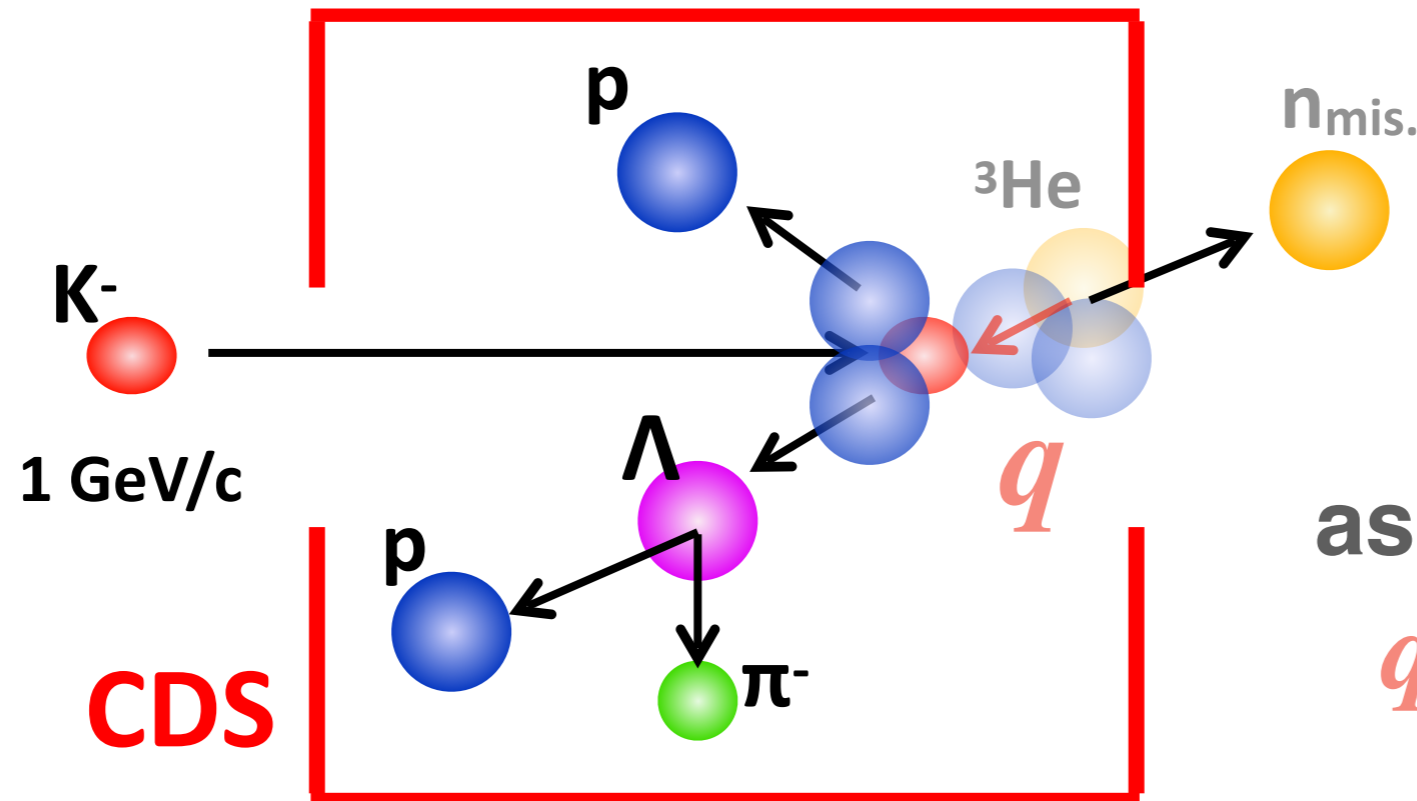
but we learn
KN interaction is: absorptive & attractive!

QF-K is dominant

KN \rightarrow KN

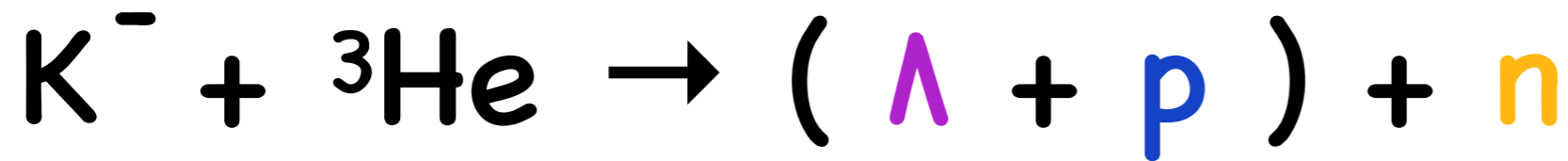
Exclusive: Λ p n

simplest final state
3 baryon w/ strangeness

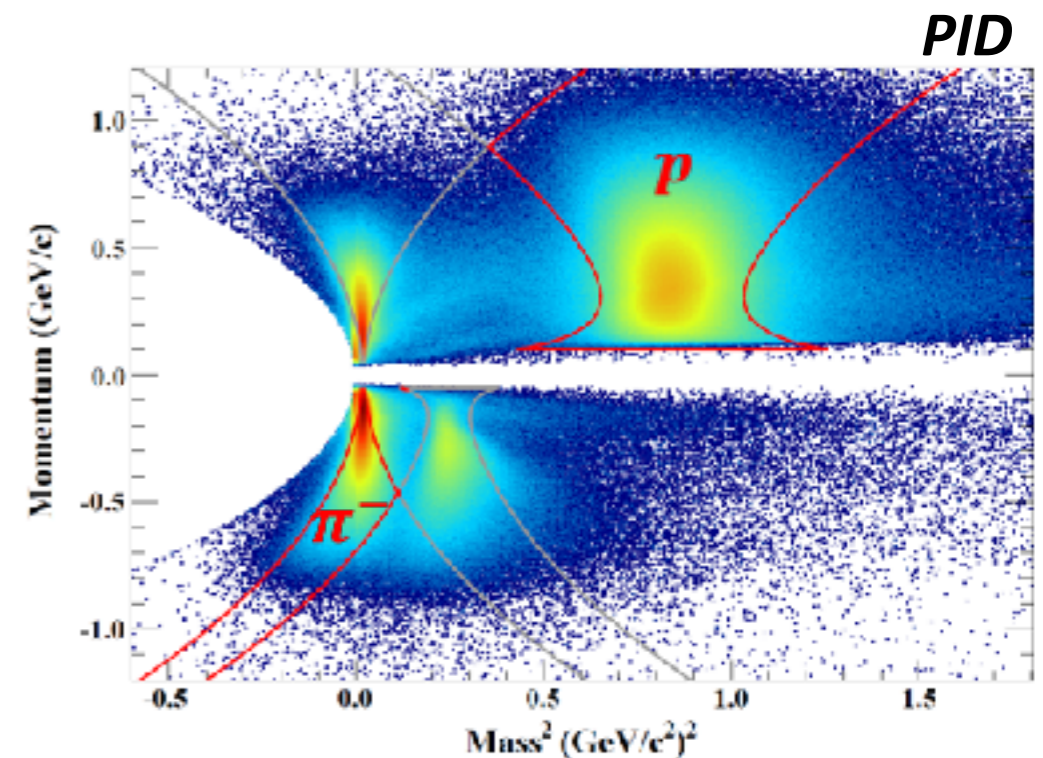
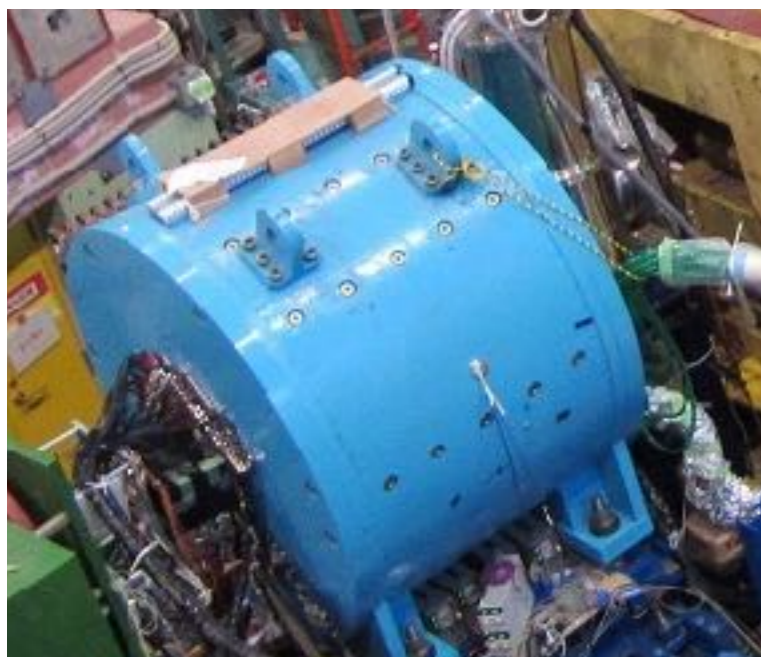


assuming $KN \rightarrow KN$

q: virtual kaon momentum

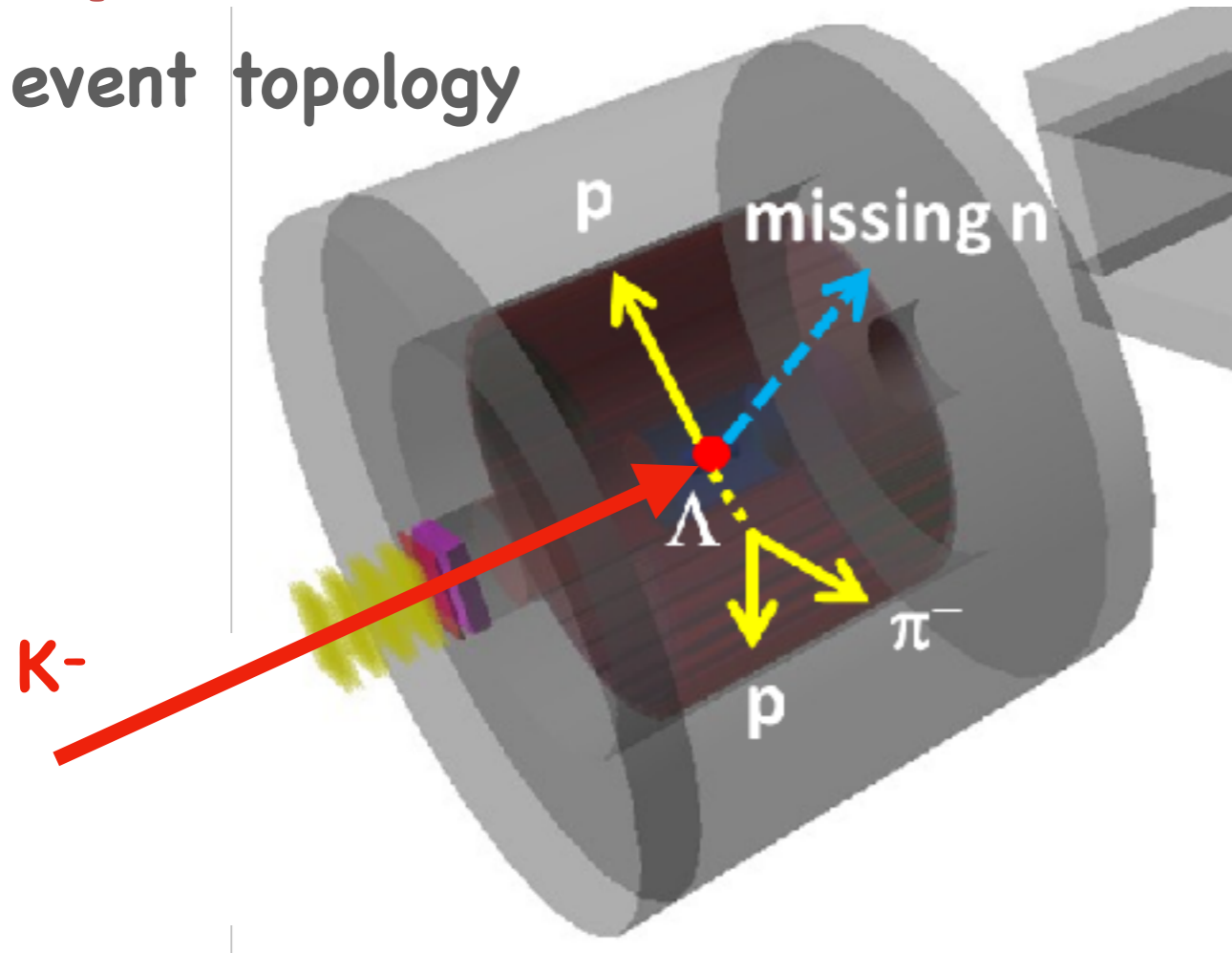


$\Lambda p n$ final state
 w/ 4-momentum conservation

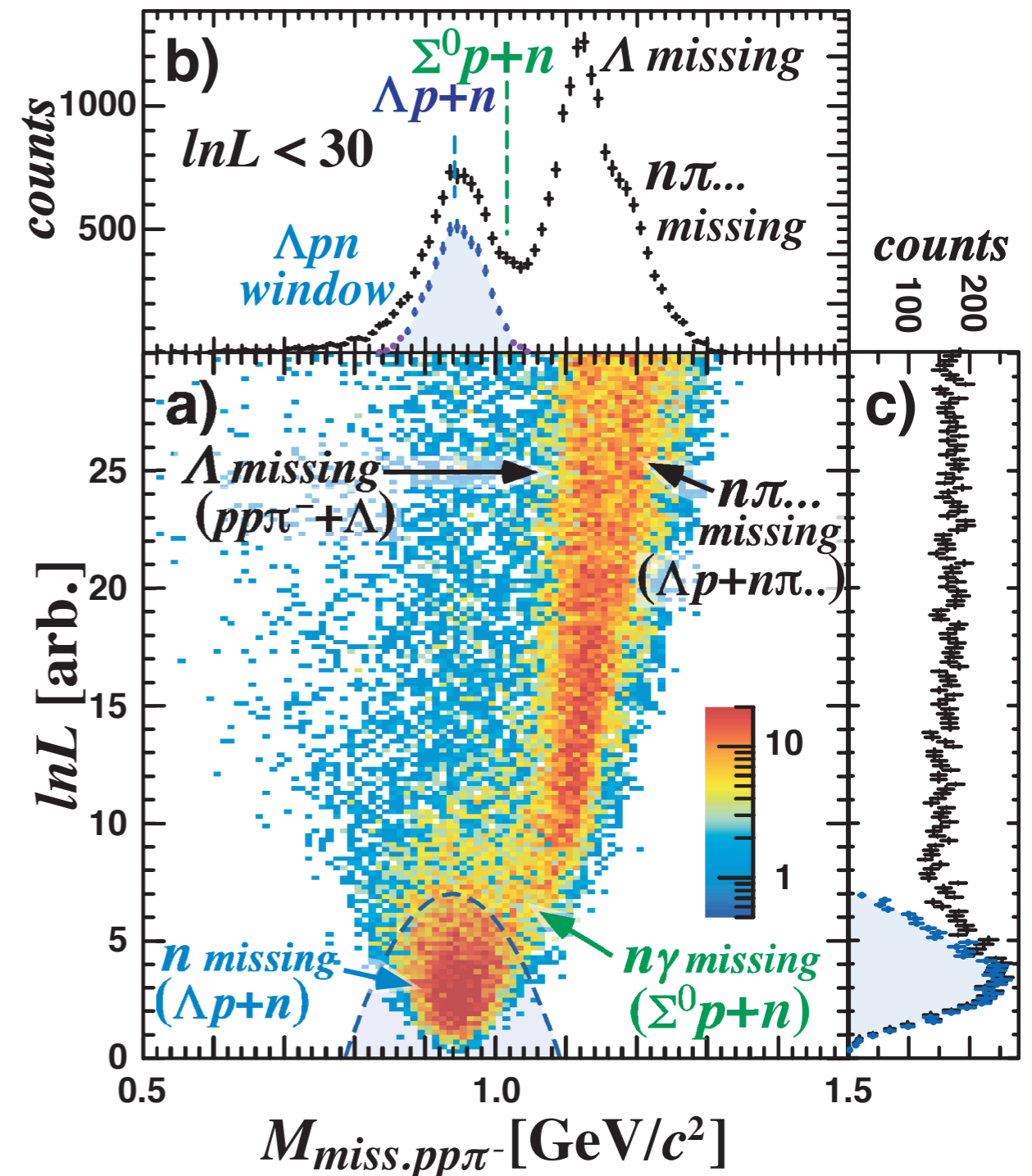


Λ pn event selection from “pp π^- events”

event topology



with single cut



$\ln L$: product of 6 probability densities

$\ln L$ has

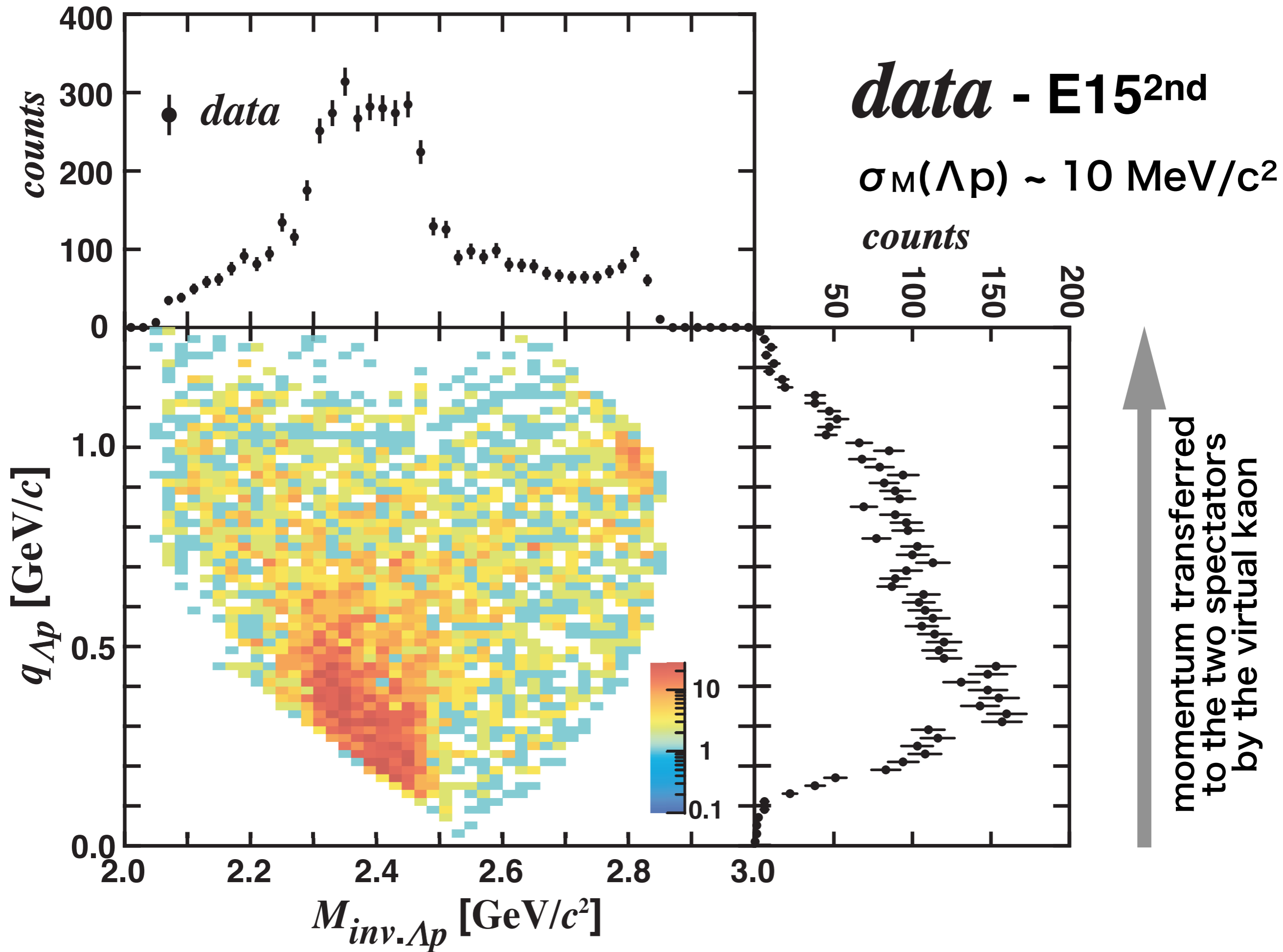
DCA=0? K- p vertex
K- Λ vertex
p π^- vertex for Λ

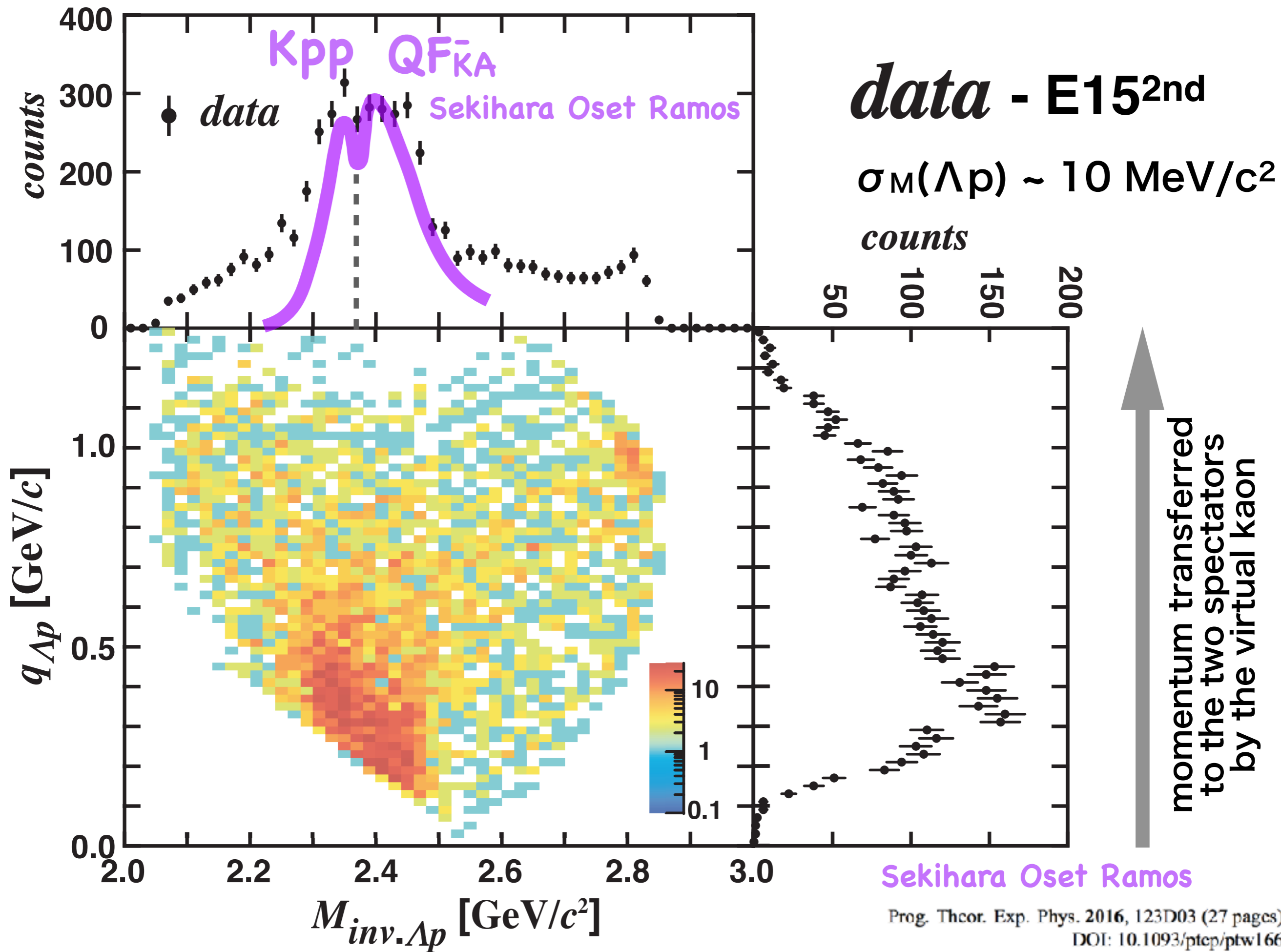
K- p vertex = K- Λ vertex

$M_{\text{inv.p}\pi^-} = m_\Lambda$?

$M_{\text{miss.pp}\pi^-} = m_n$?

DCA: distance of closest approach of two trajectories

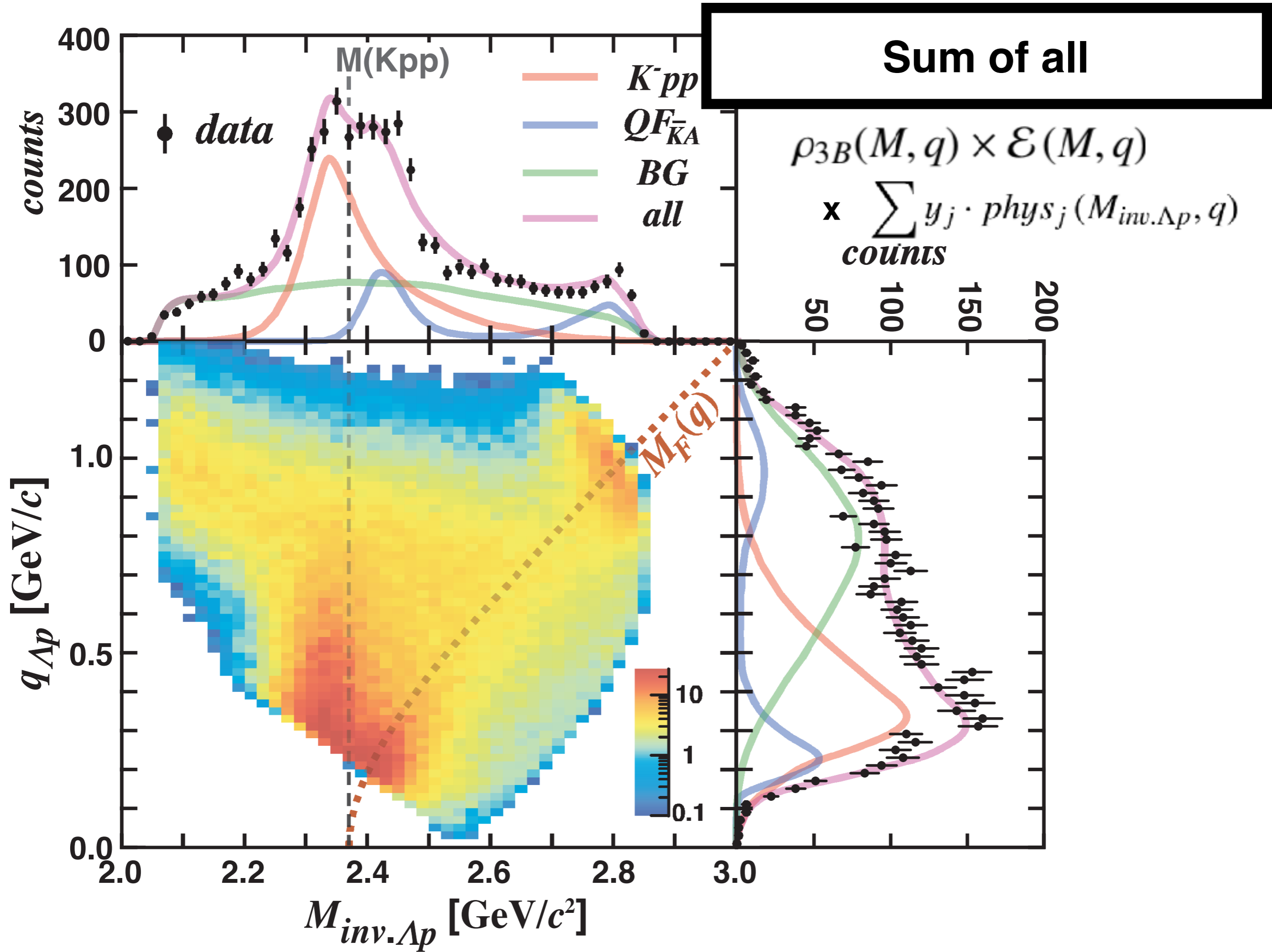


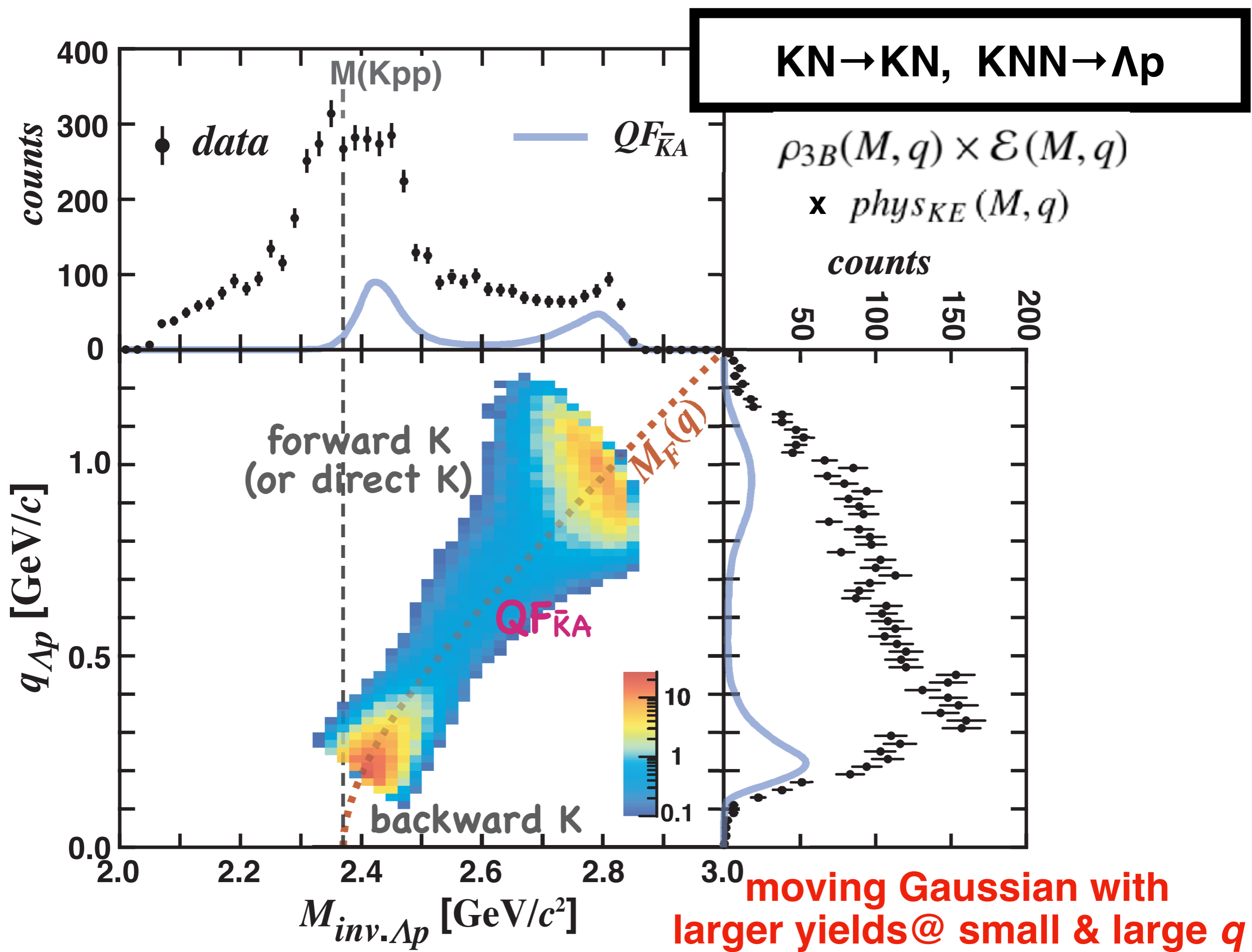


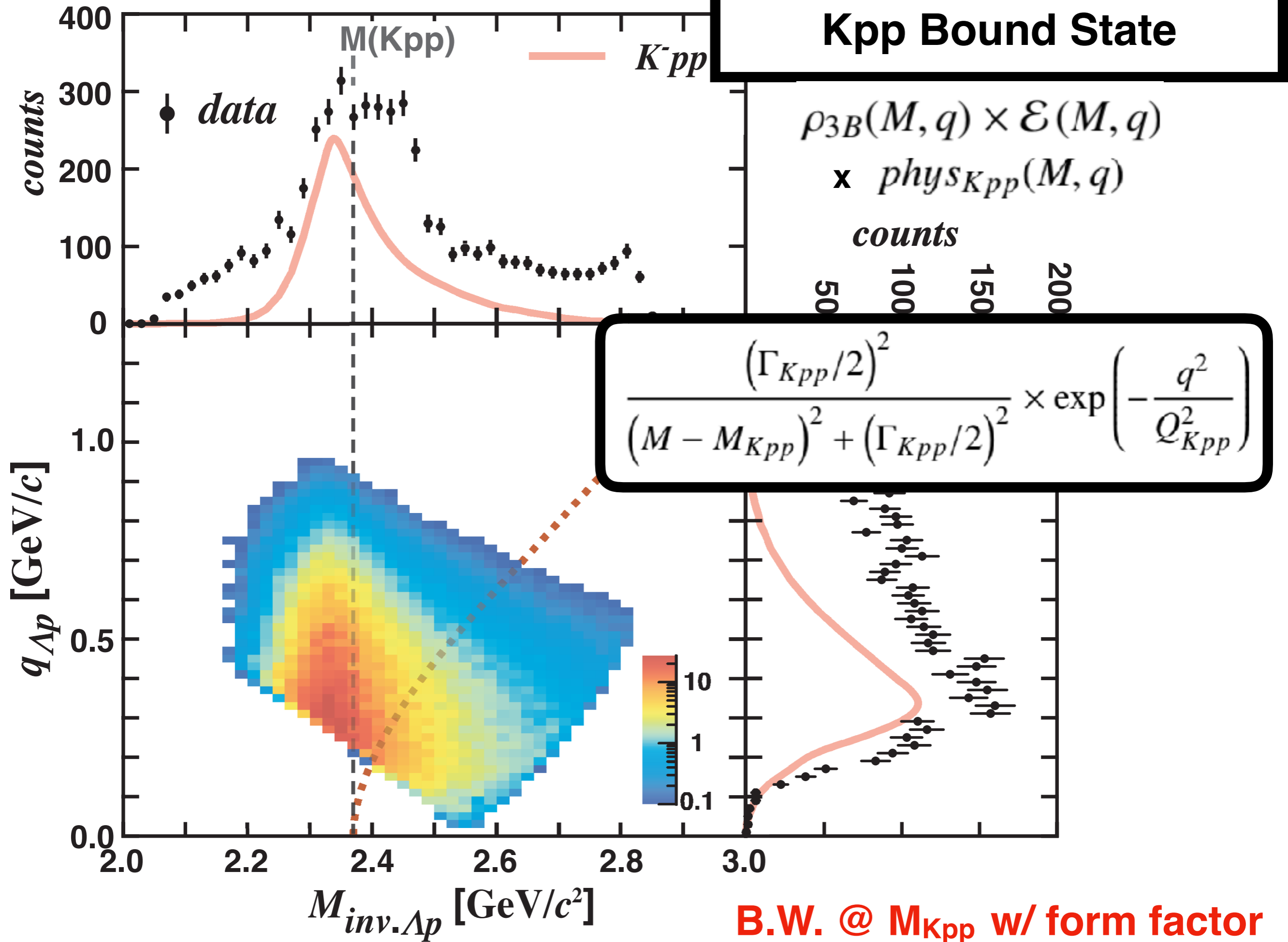
We introduce three model functions to fit

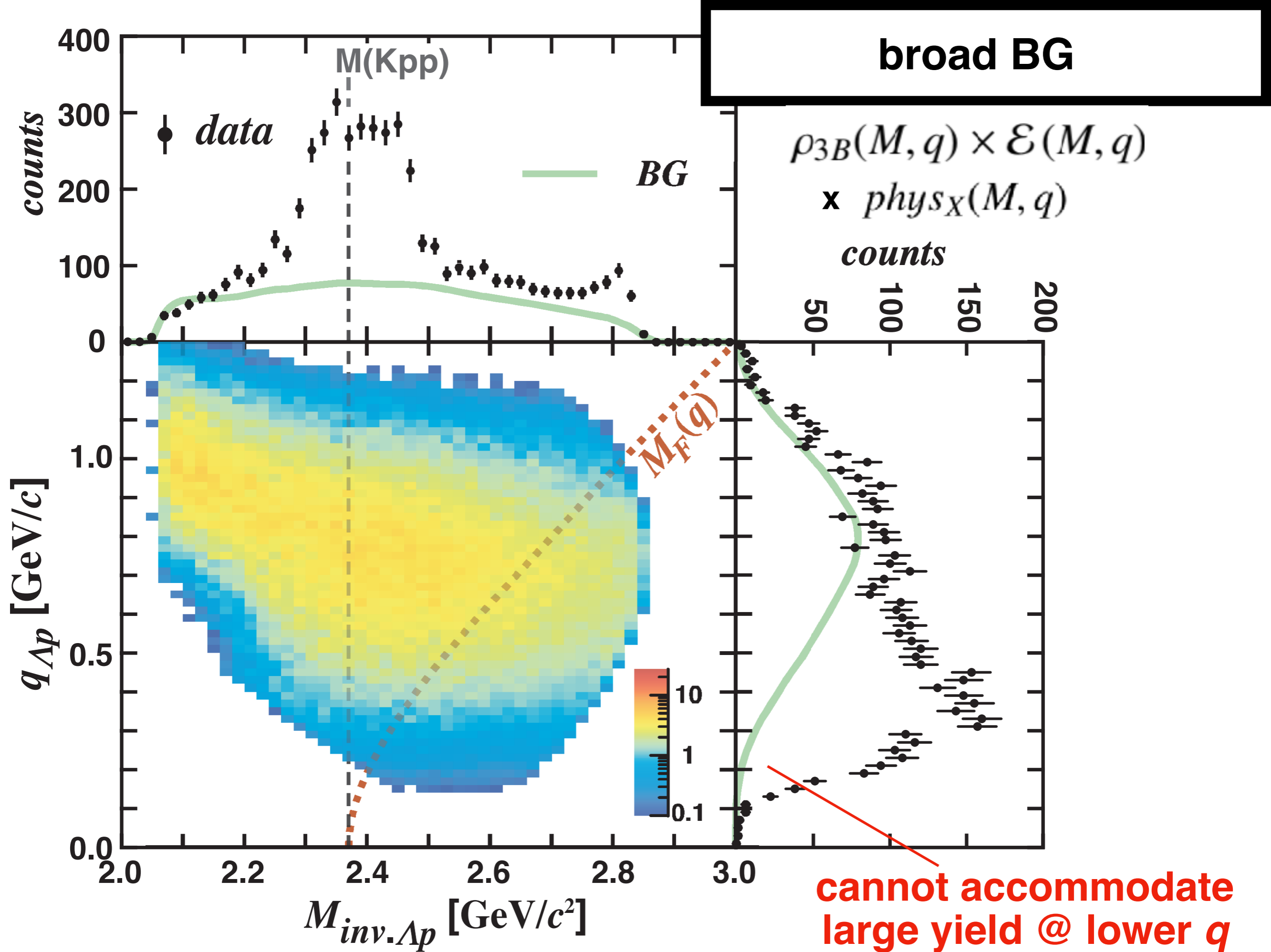
“Kpp”, $QF_{\bar{K}A}$, broad(BG)

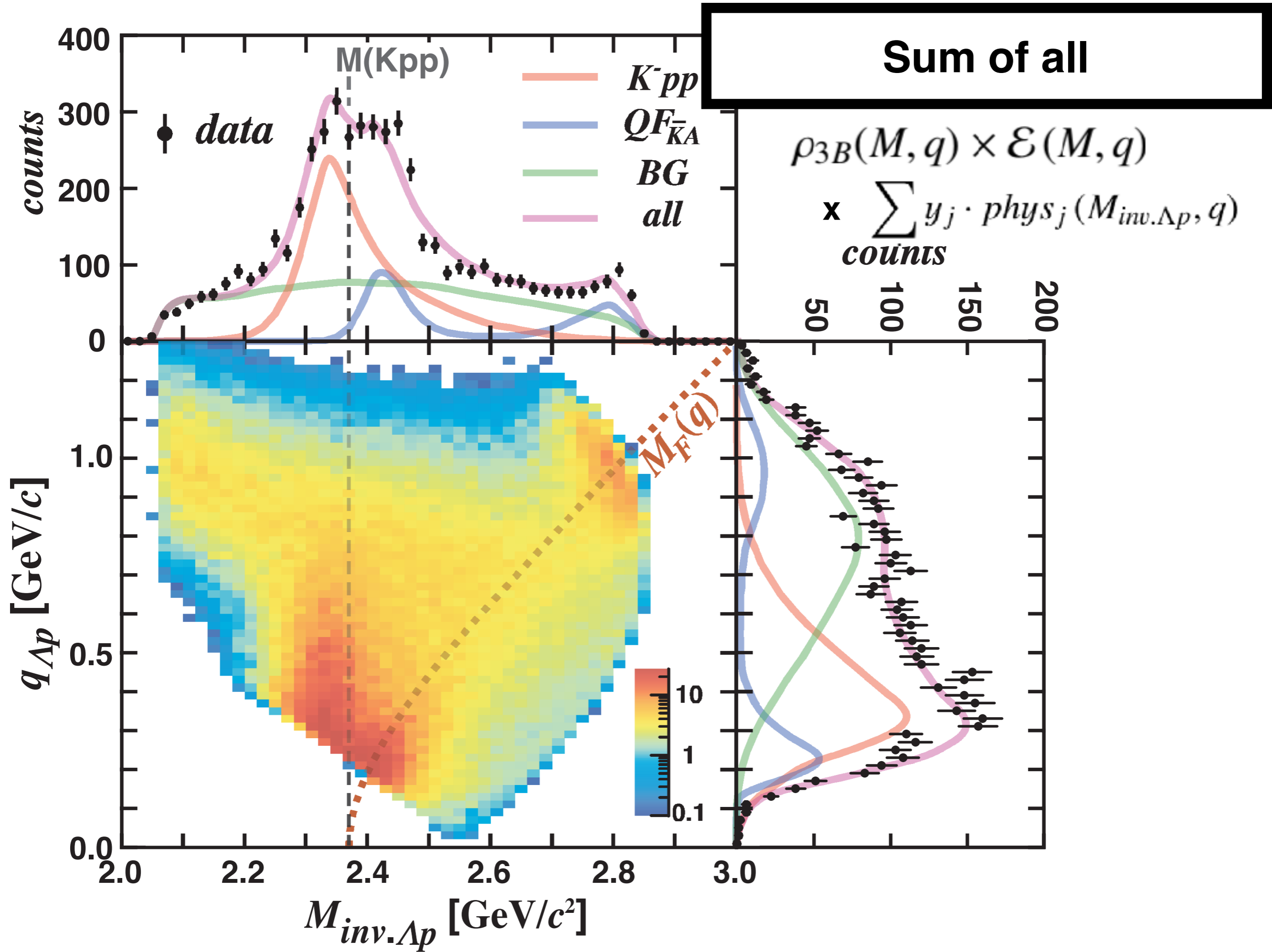
$$\rho_{3B}(M, q) \times \mathcal{E}(M, q) \times \text{phys}_X(M, q)$$

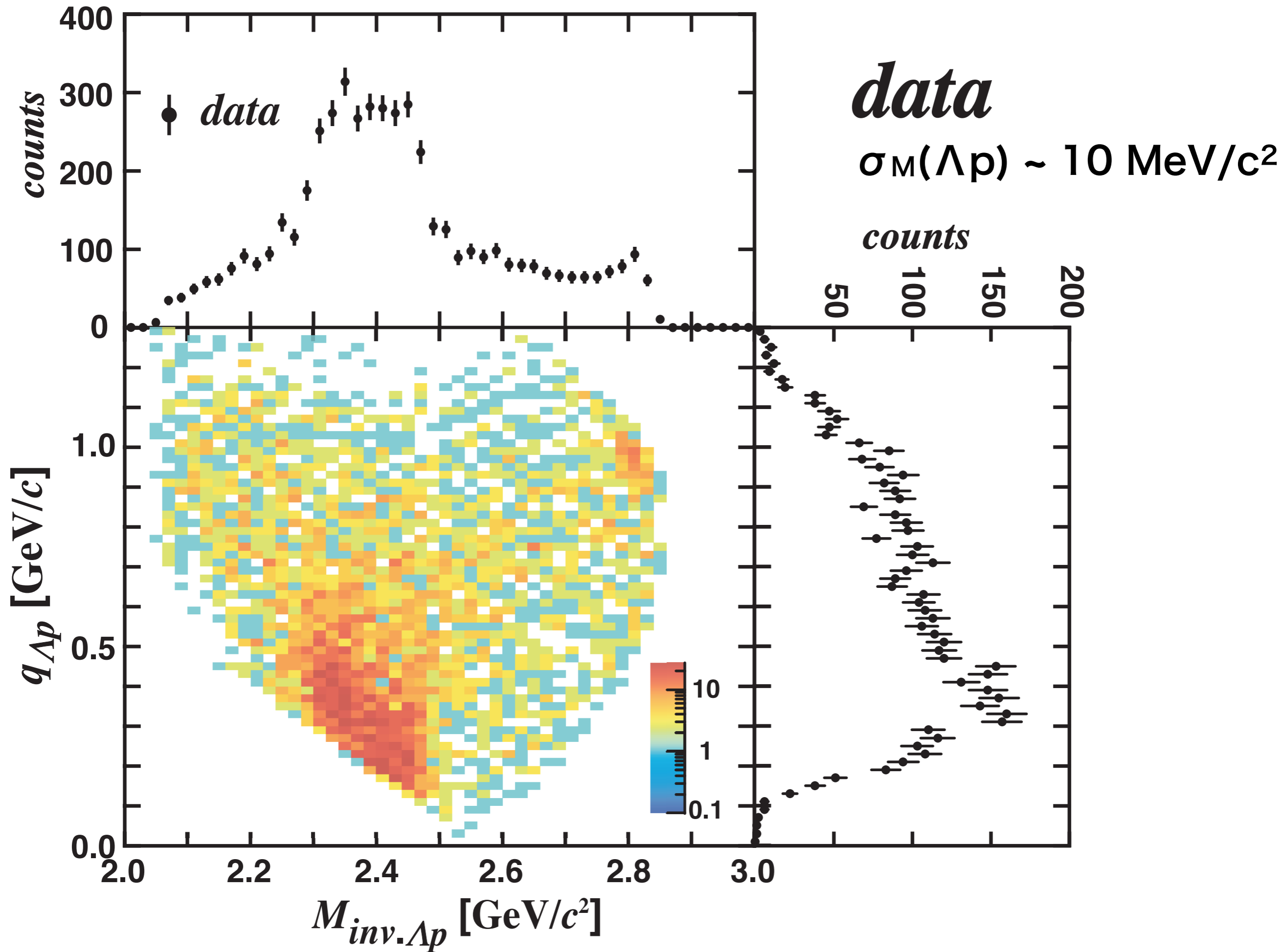


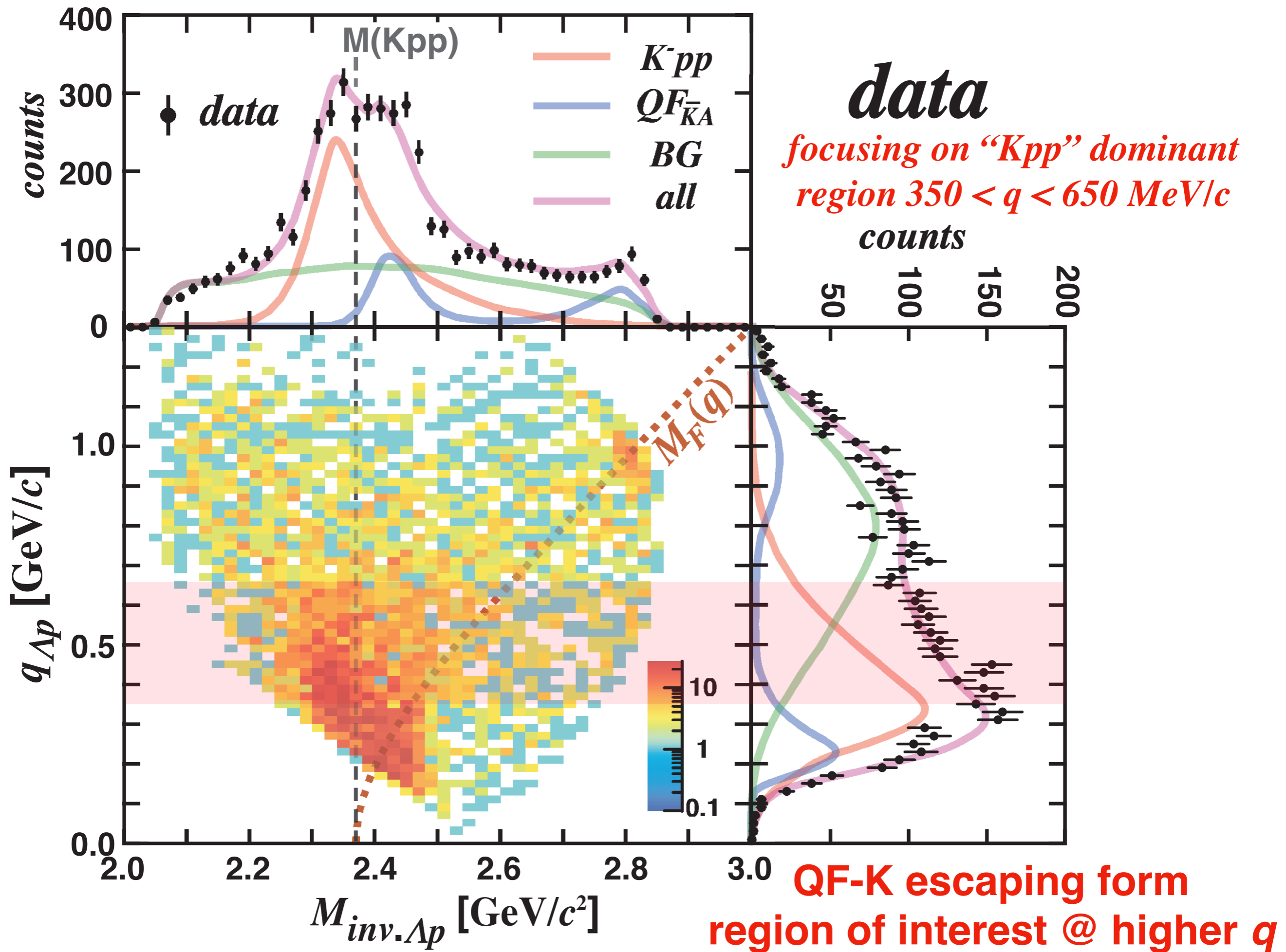






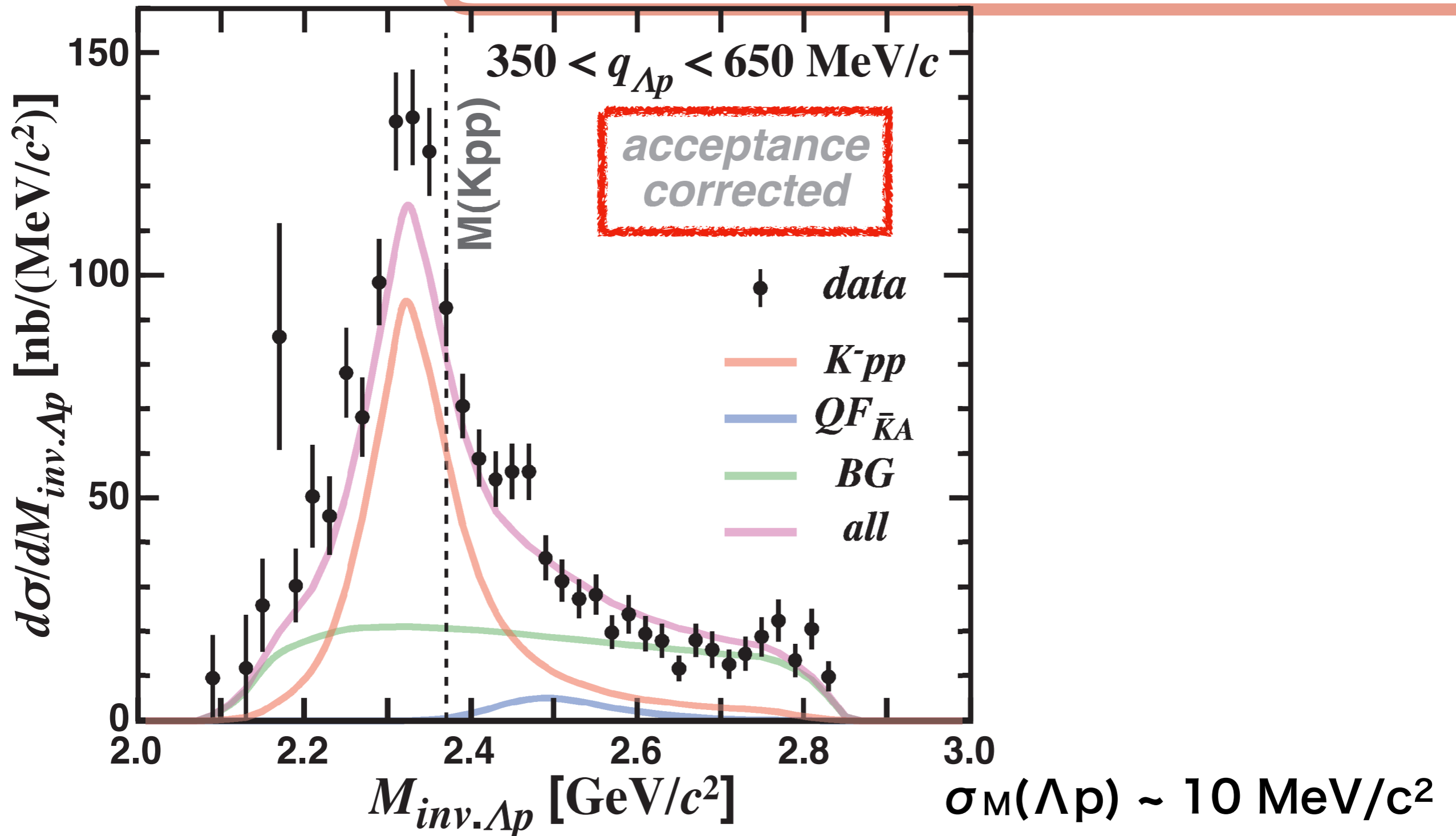






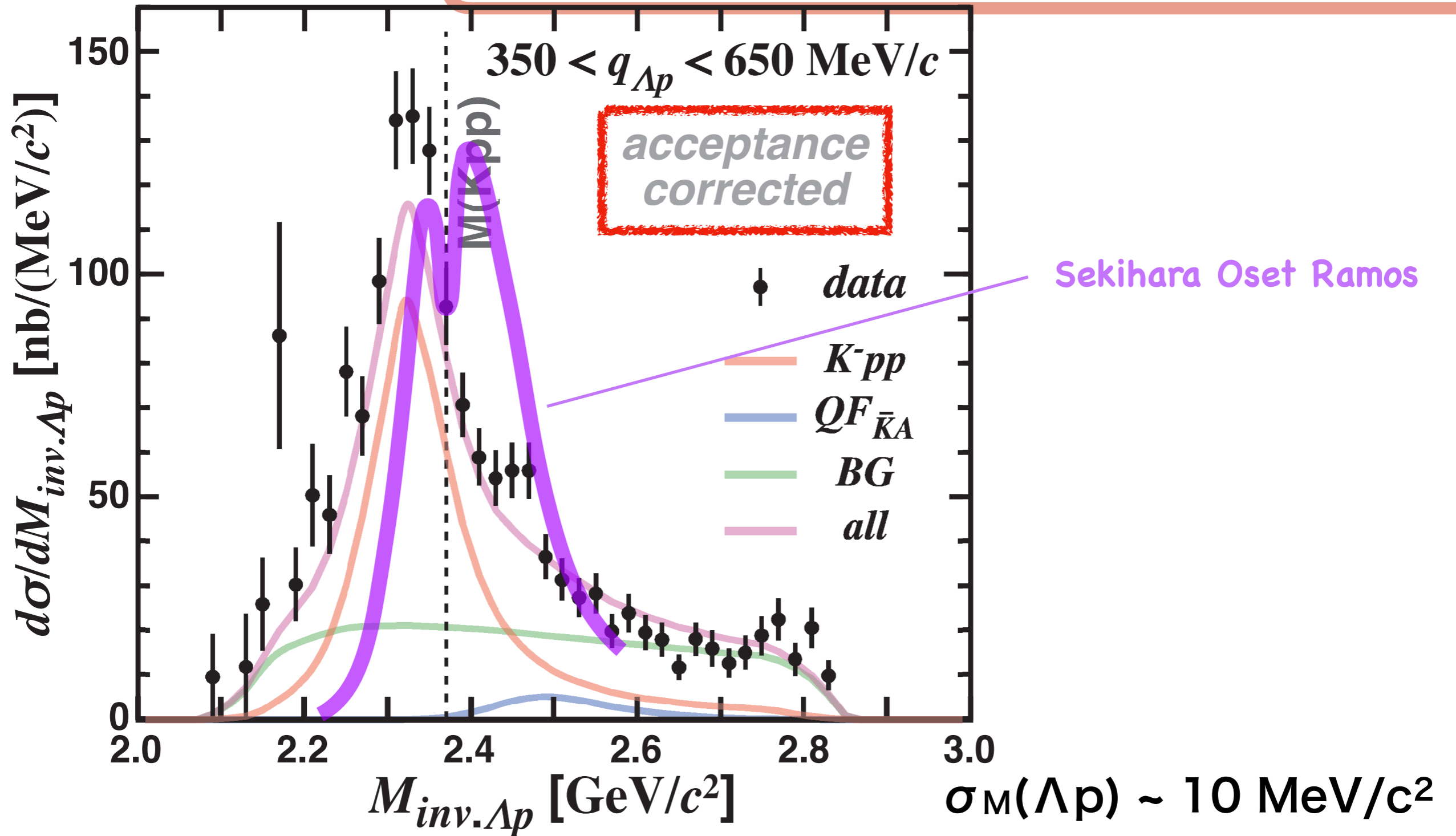
$M_{inv.\Lambda p}$ q -selected $n_{mis.} + \Lambda p$

$$\rho_{3B}(M, q) \times \frac{(\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}{(M - M_{Kpp})^2 + (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2} \times \exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{Q_{Kpp}^2}\right)$$



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conclusion A:

Definitive peak observed

$B_{Kpp} \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$, $\Gamma_{Kpp} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$, $Q_{Kpp} \sim 400 \text{ MeV}$

[arXiv:1805.12275](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.12275)

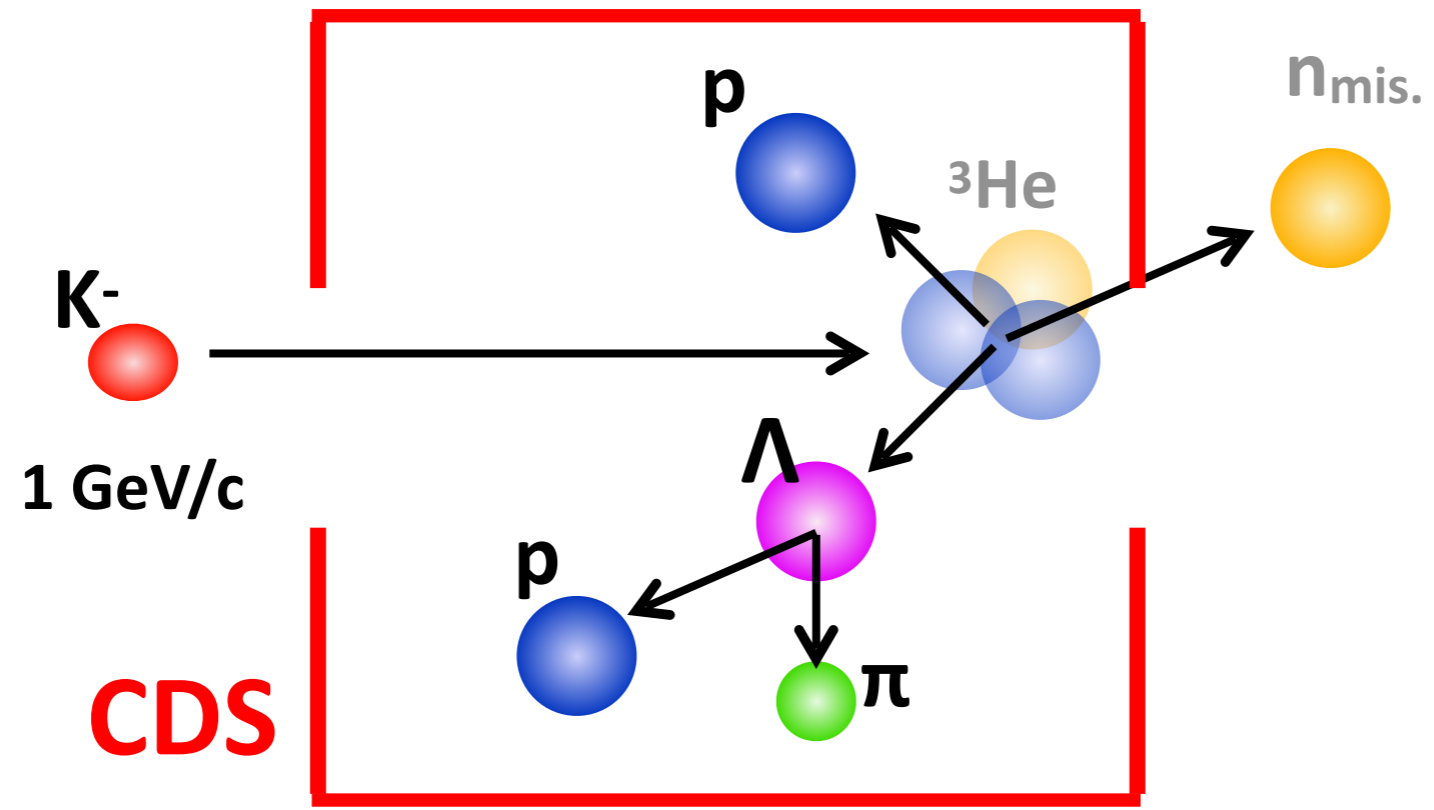
**Three physical processes in
 Λpn final state**

“Kpp”, $QF\bar{K}_A$, broad(BG)

(“Kpp” is consistent with S-wave)

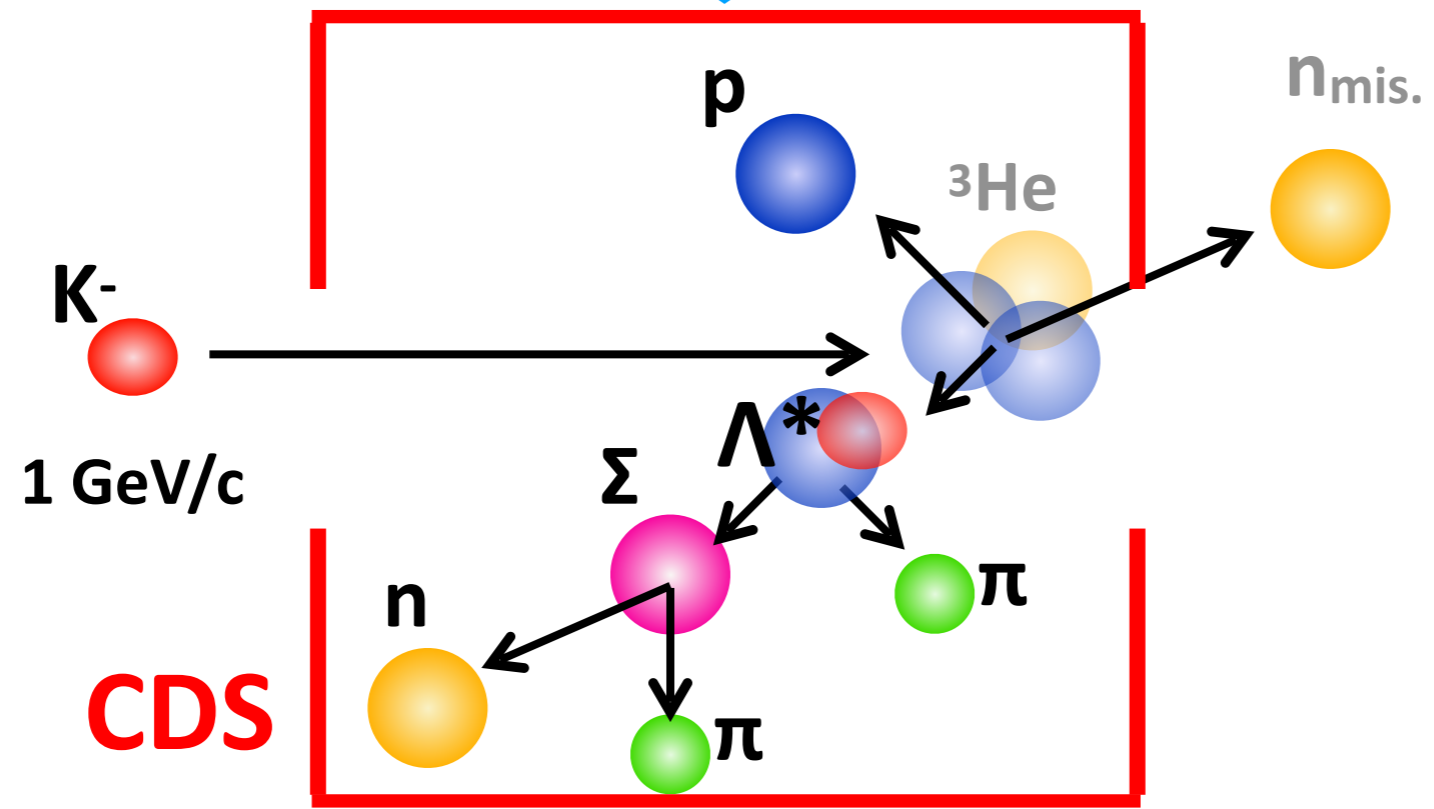
Where is Λ^* ?

We started study assuming $\Lambda(1405) = \text{“K-p”}$ bound state



if “K-p”
is formed

$\Lambda p n$ final state
arXiv:1805.12275



“K-p” must
be formed

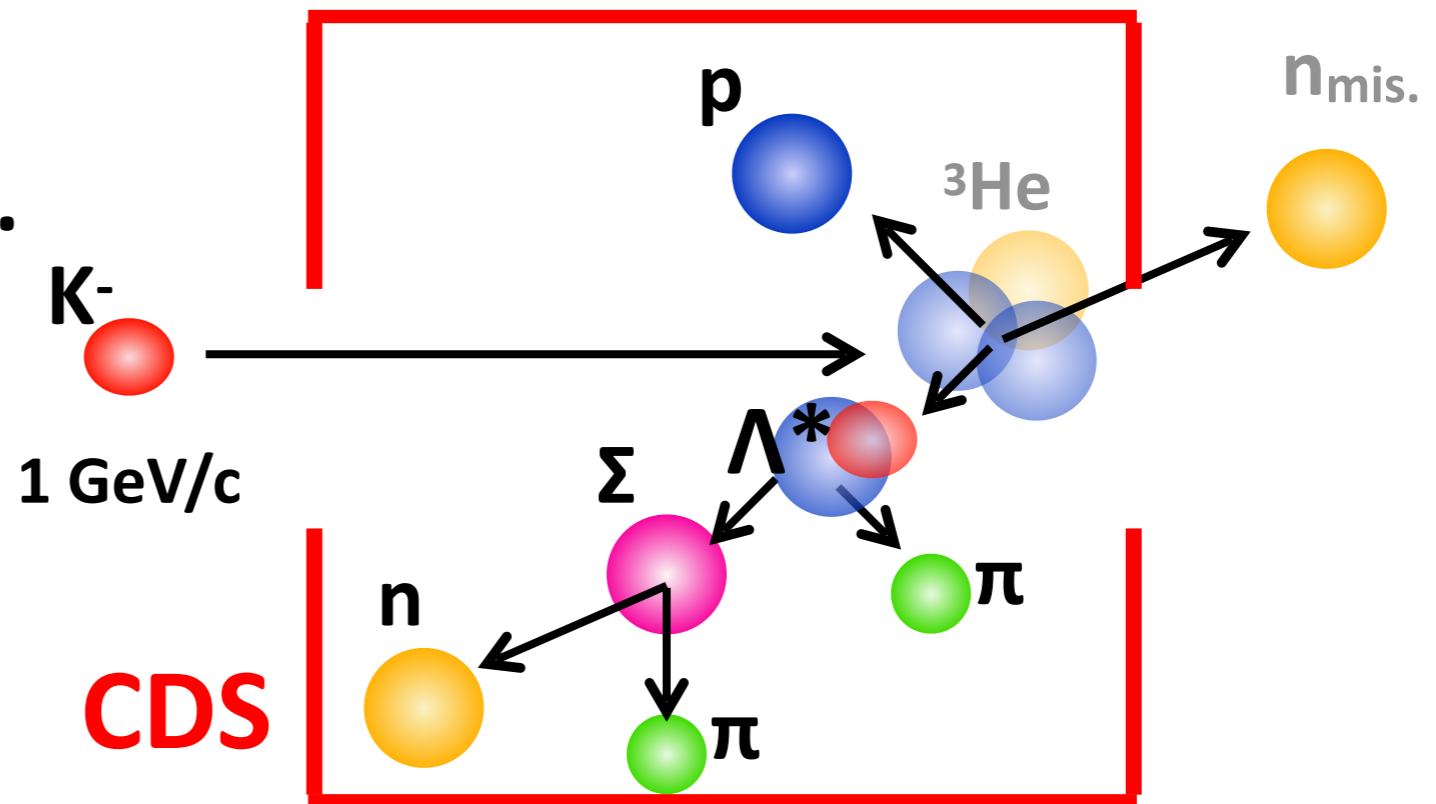
$\Lambda^* p n$ final state
all preliminary

$K^- \text{ } ^3\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda^* \text{pn} @ \text{E15}$

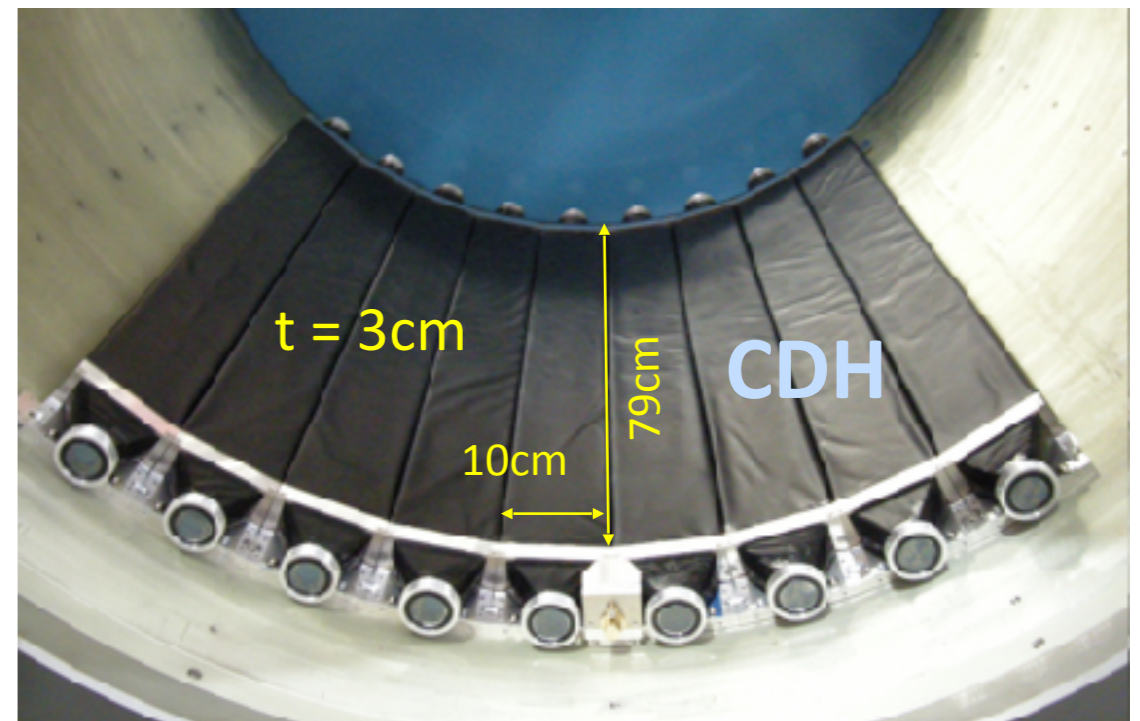
- Exclusive measurement of $\pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp \text{pn}$ final state in $K^- \text{ } ^3\text{He}$

$(\pi^\pm \pi^\mp \text{n p}) + \text{n}_{\text{mis.}}$

4-hold coin. w/ n-missing



- Experimental challenge: neutron detection with plastic counter ($t=3\text{cm}$)
 n detection efficiency on CDH $\sim 3\%$
 solid angle of CDH $\sim 60\%$



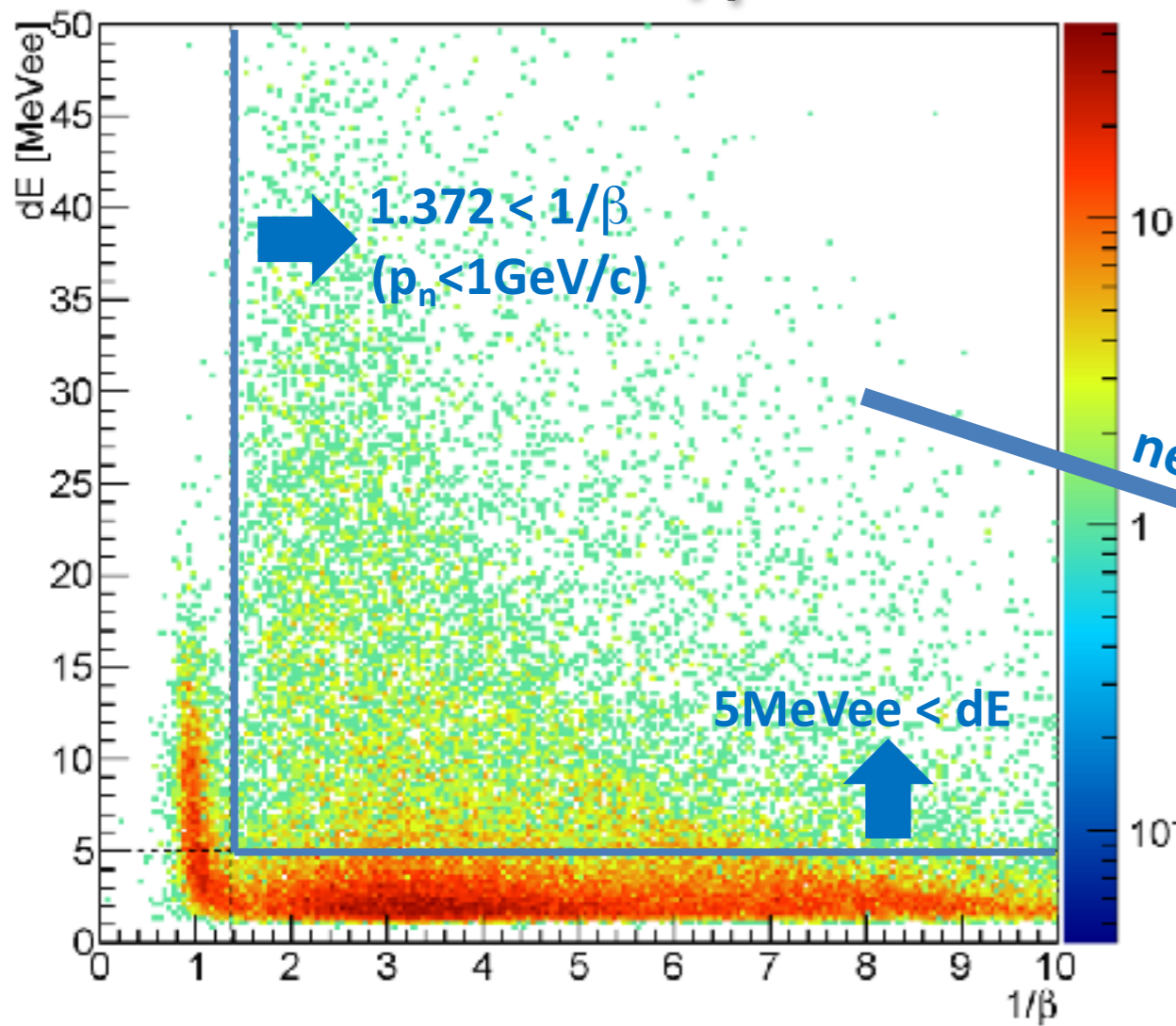
x 55 more difficult than Λpn

$(\text{pp}\pi^-) + \text{n}_{\text{mis.}}$ *3-hold coin.*

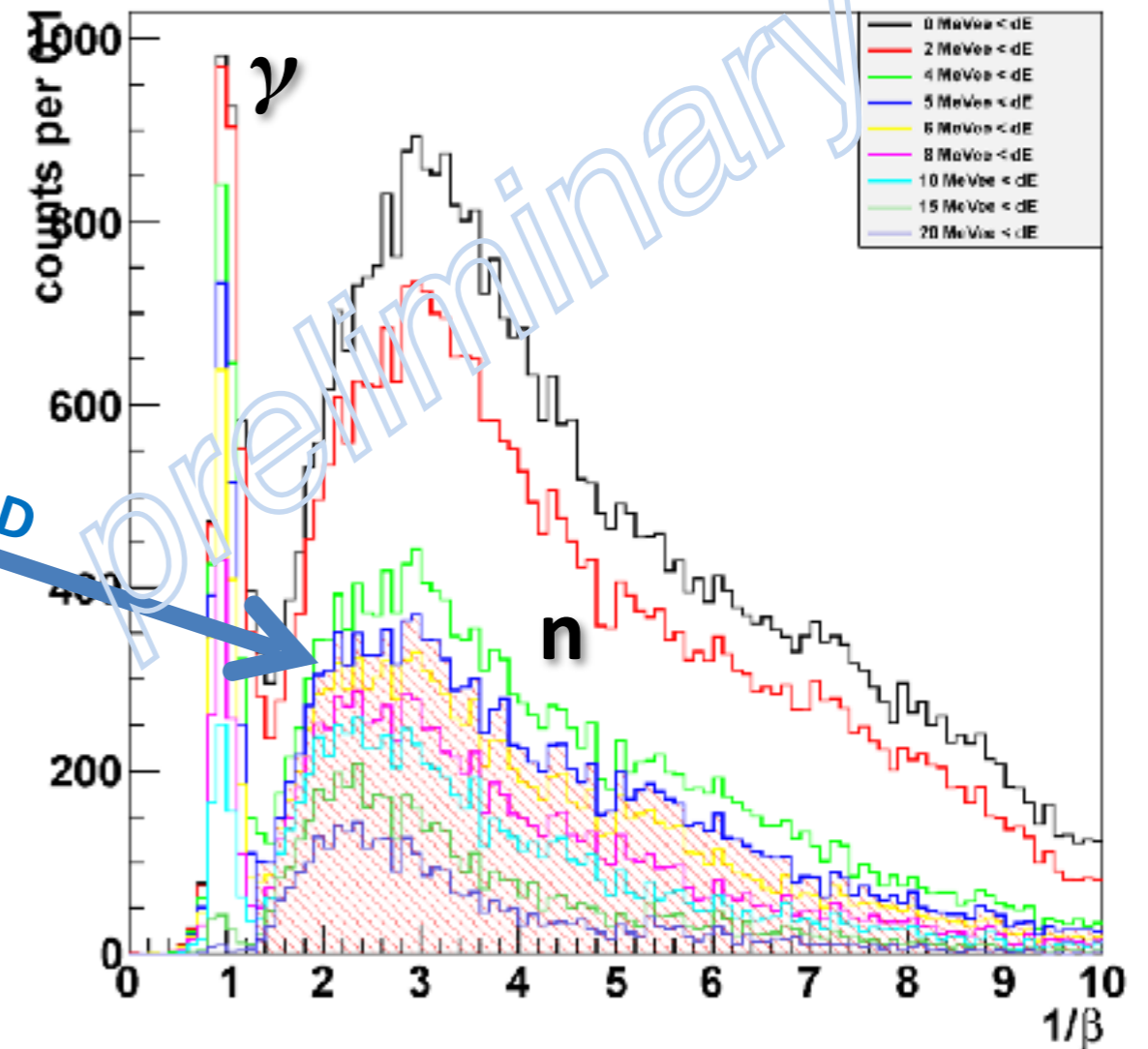
Neutron ID with CDH

- $\pi^+\pi^-p$ events (3 tracks) in CDS with 4 CDH hits are selected
- a CDH hit with CDC-veto (outer-layer) is applied to identify the “neutral hit”

dE vs. $1/\beta$



dE-cut dependence

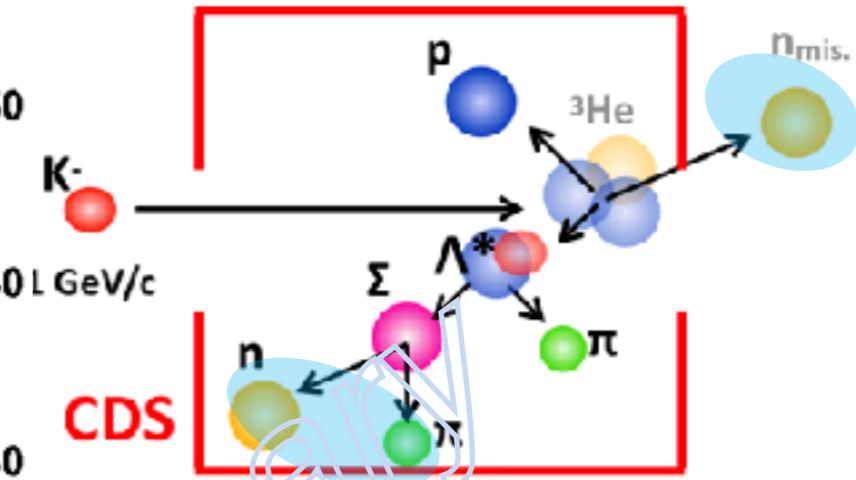
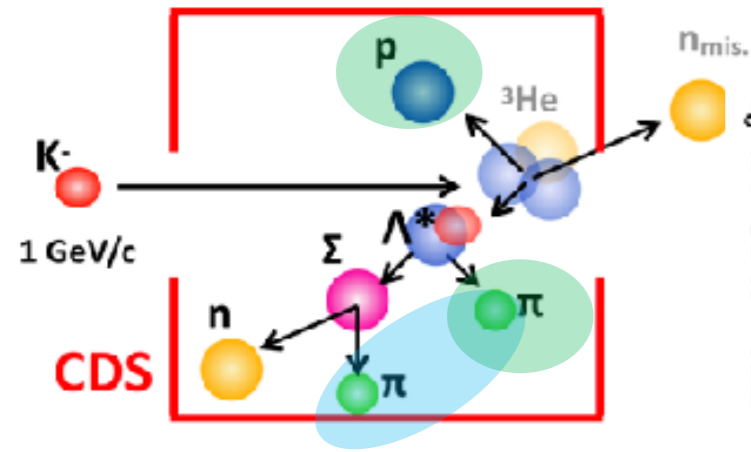


Neutron clearly identified by CDH

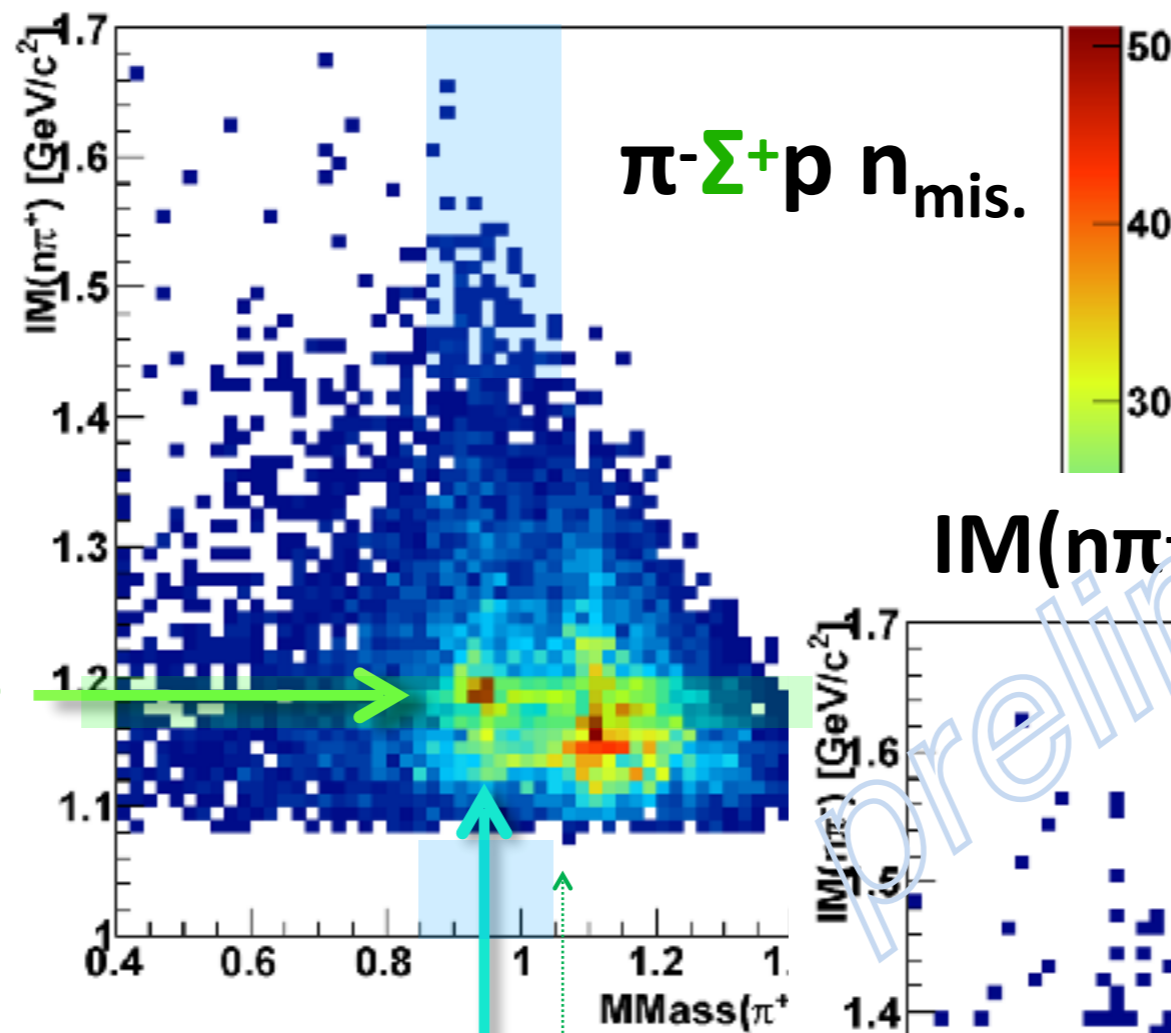
$\pi p n \rightarrow \pi \Sigma p n$

remove unfavored events

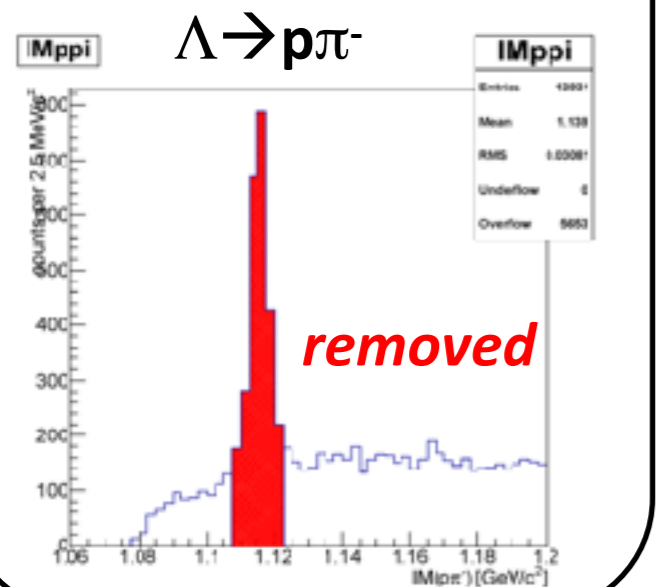
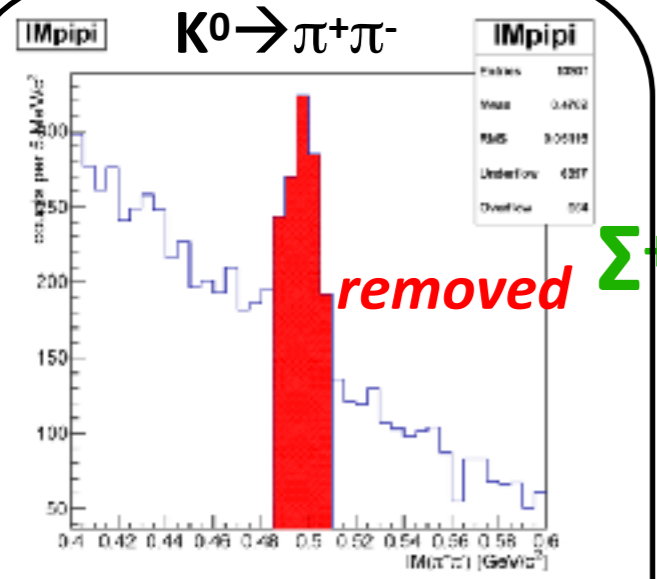
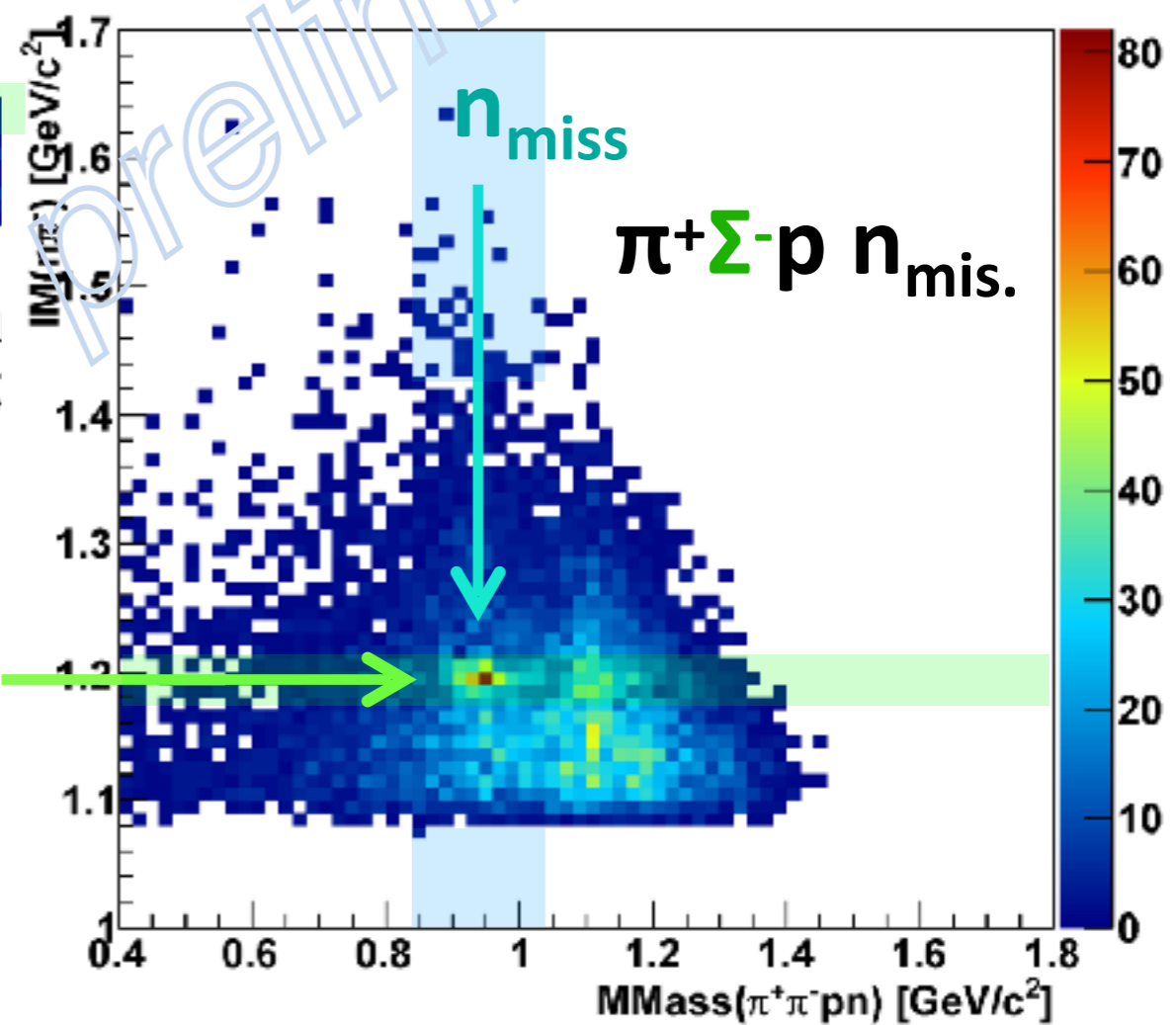
Σ identification



IM($n\pi^+$) vs MM($\pi^+\pi^-pn$)



IM($n\pi^-$) vs MM($\pi^+\pi^-pn$)



$\Lambda^*(\pi\Sigma)pn$ final state

Event Selection

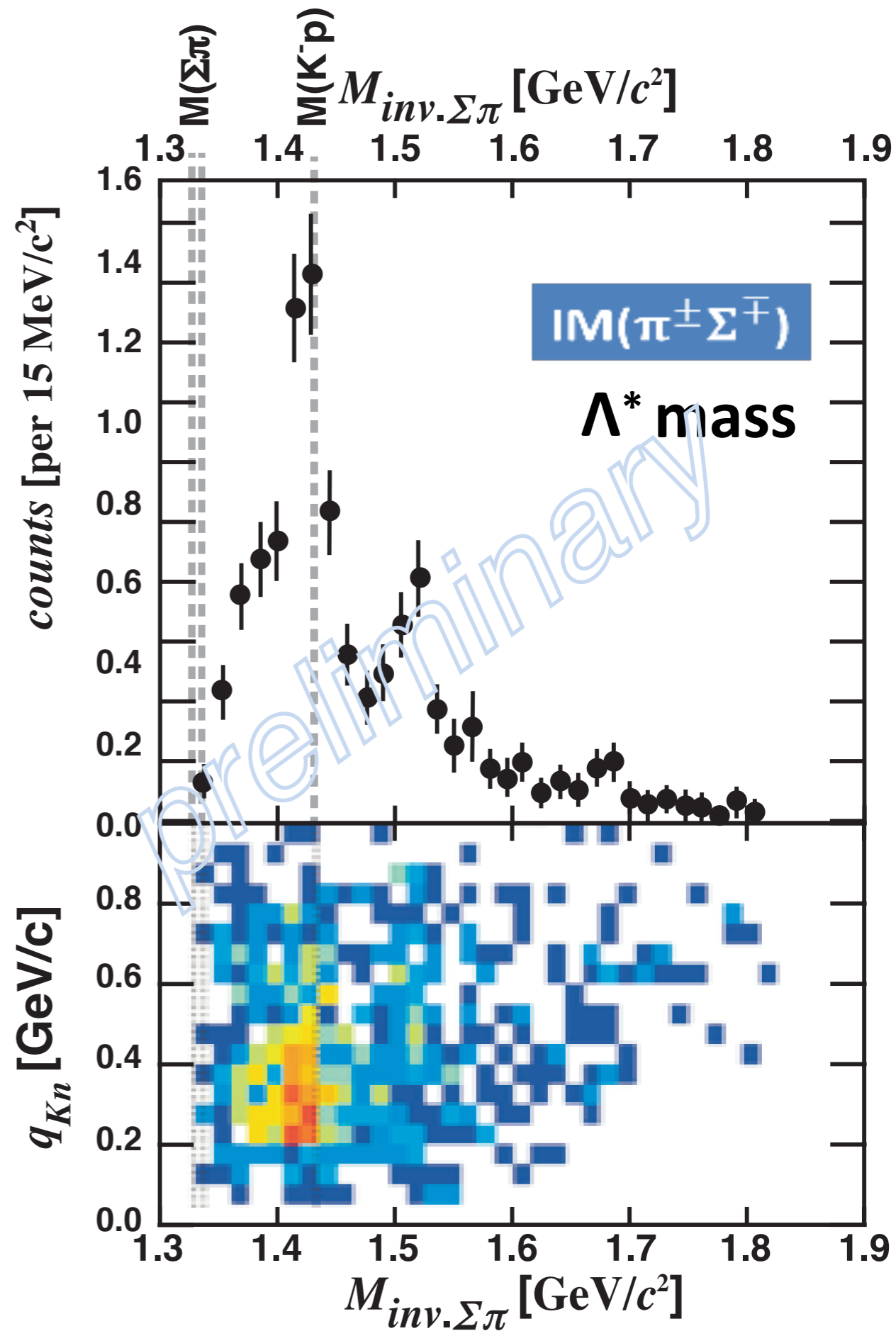
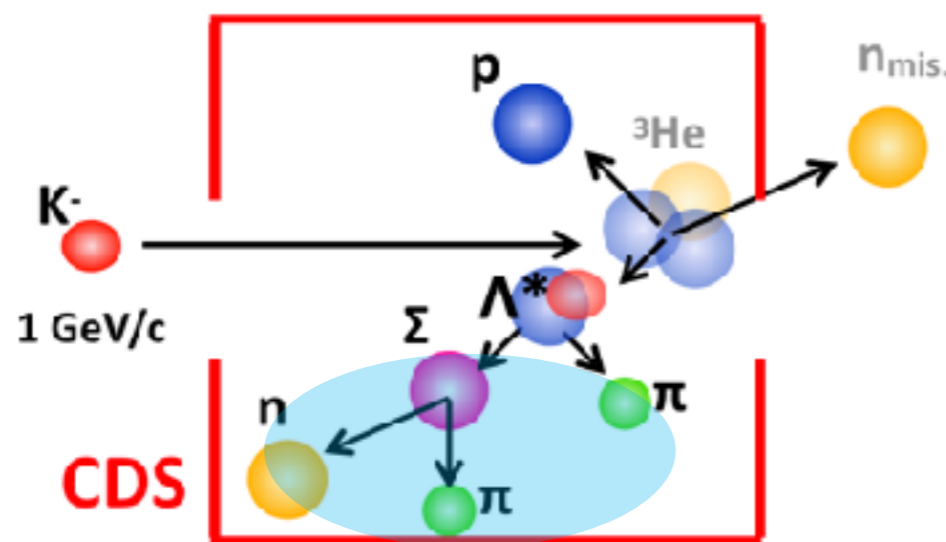
Missing n:

$$0.85 < MM(\pi^+\pi^-pn) < 1.03 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

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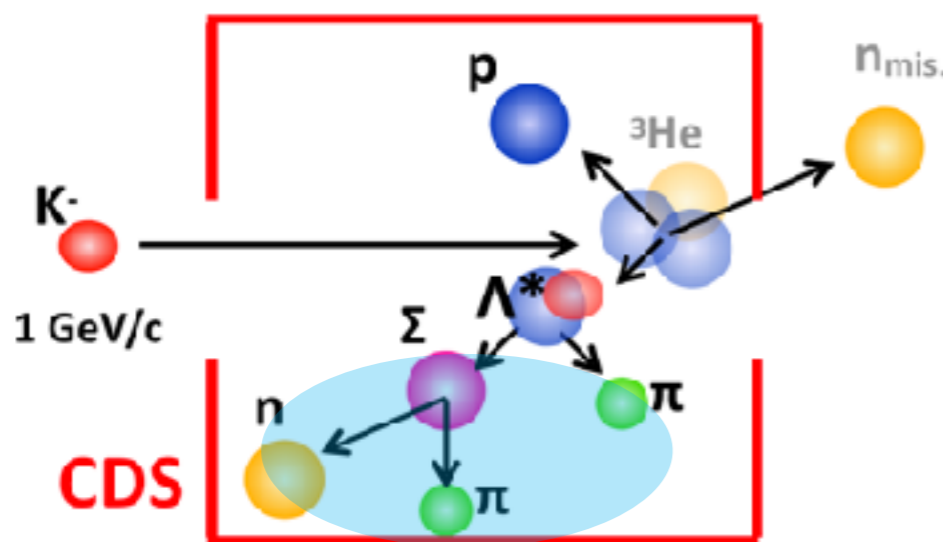
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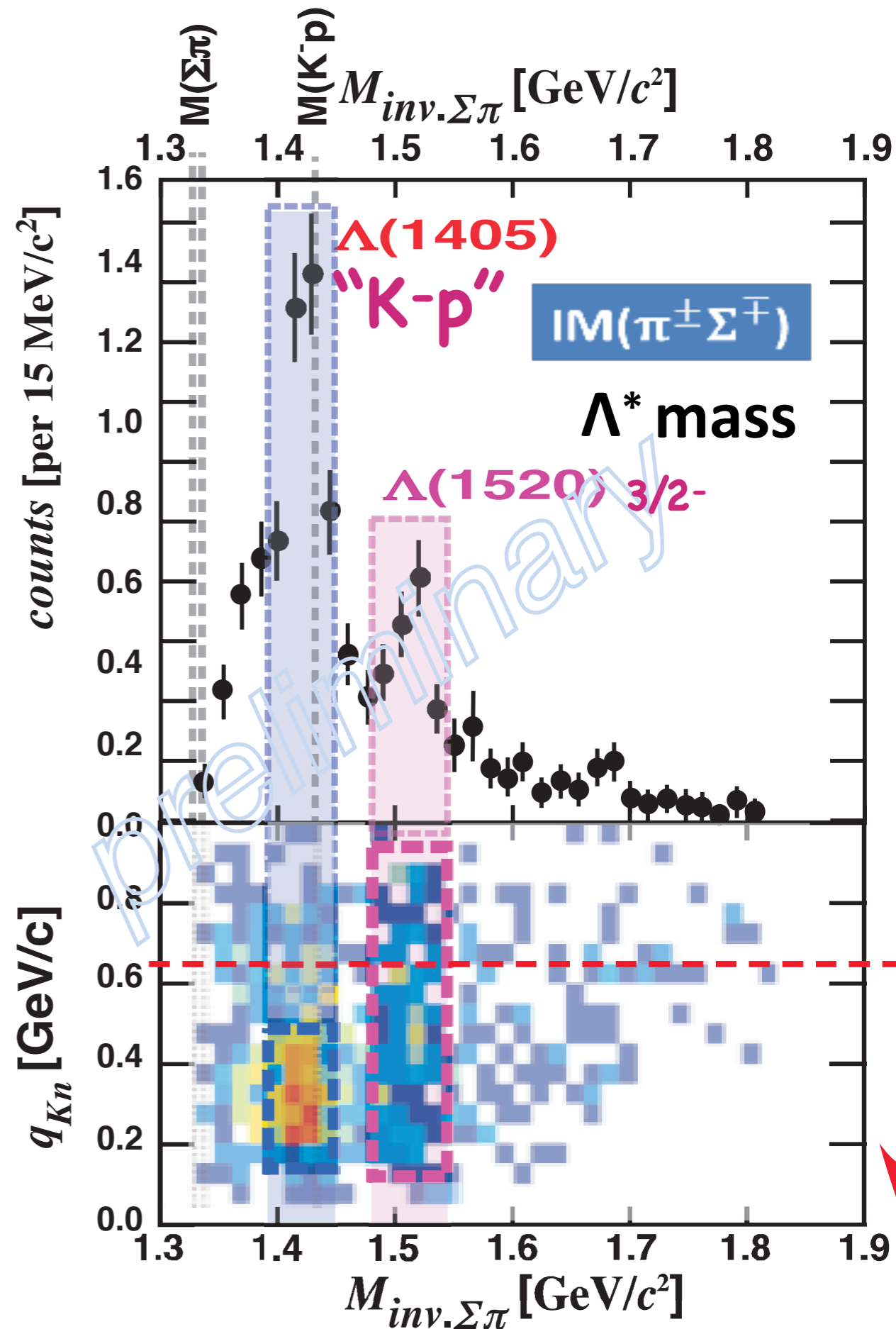
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“K-p” localized @ smaller q
in contrast to $\Lambda(1520)$



“K-p” = $\Lambda(1405) / \Lambda(1520)$ = 3-quark baryon??

Υ^* Cross Section ($q_{Kn} < 0.65 \text{ GeV}/c$)

$\Lambda(1405)$

$\sim 130\text{-}140 \mu\text{b}$

Flatté param.:

$m_R \sim 1418 \text{ MeV}/c$

$g_{\pi\Sigma} \sim 1.9\text{E-}1$

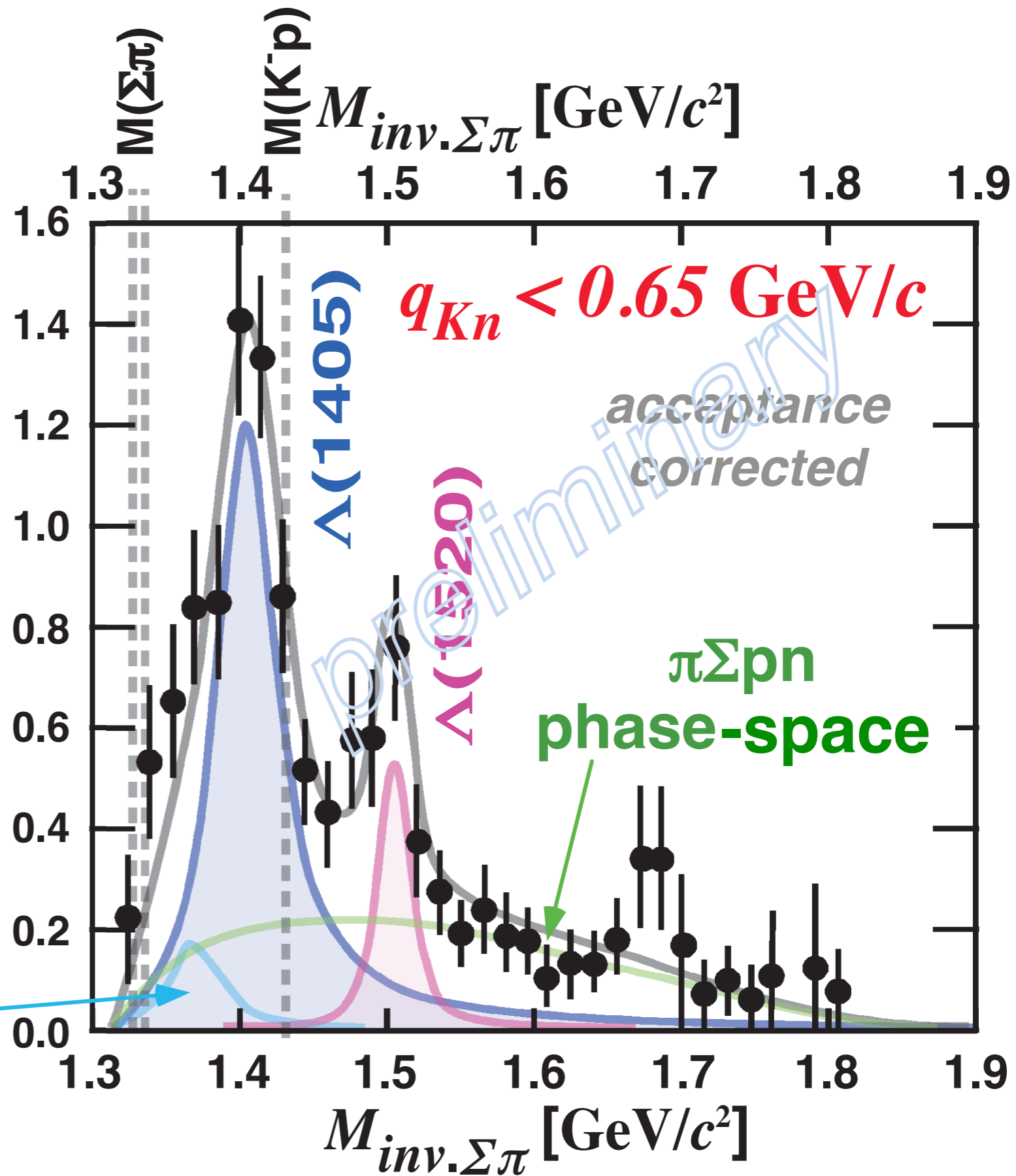
$g_{KN} \sim 1.7\text{E-}2$

$\sim 40\text{-}80 \mu\text{b}$

[evaluated from
 $\Sigma^+(1385) \rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda$
measurement]

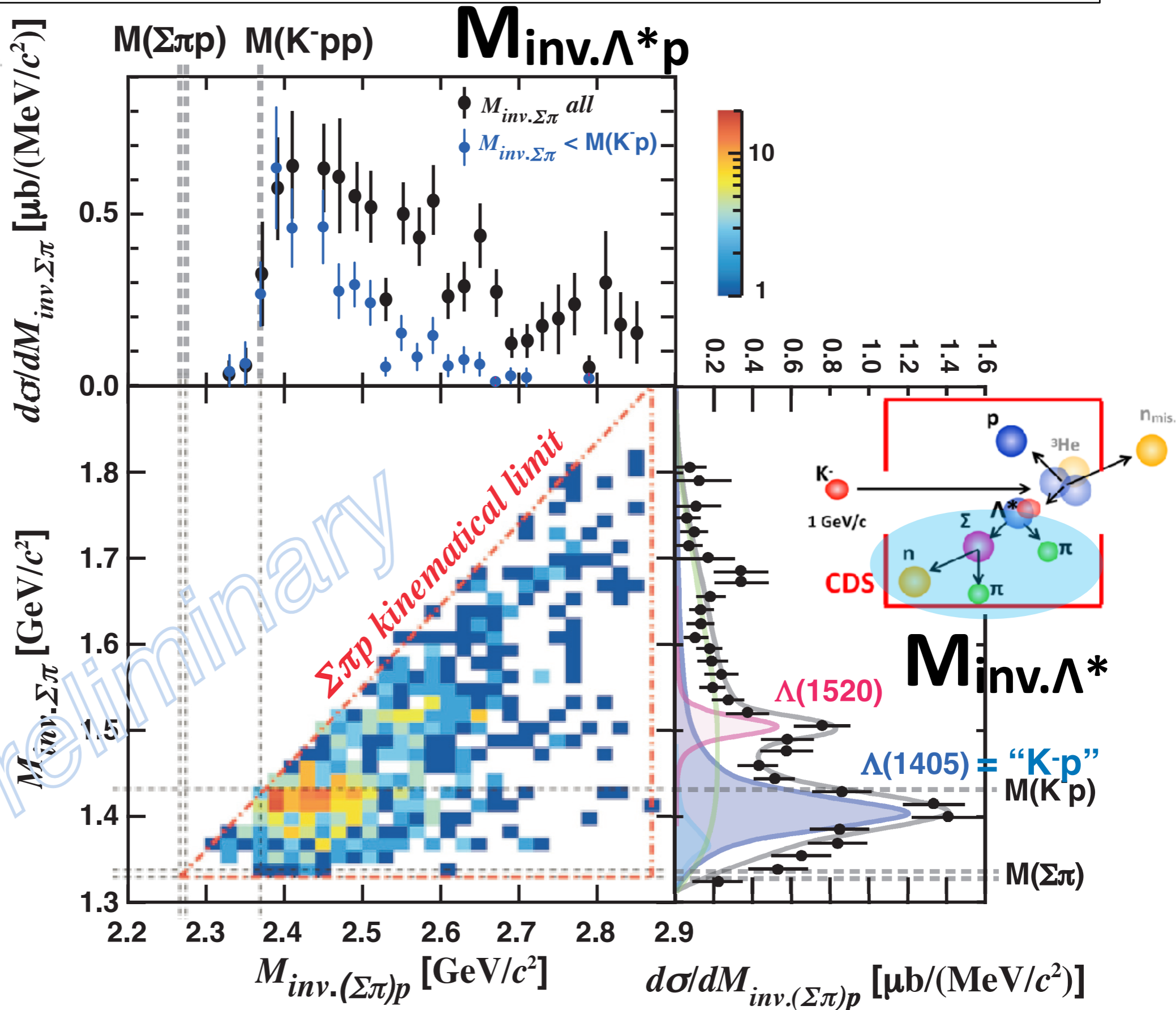
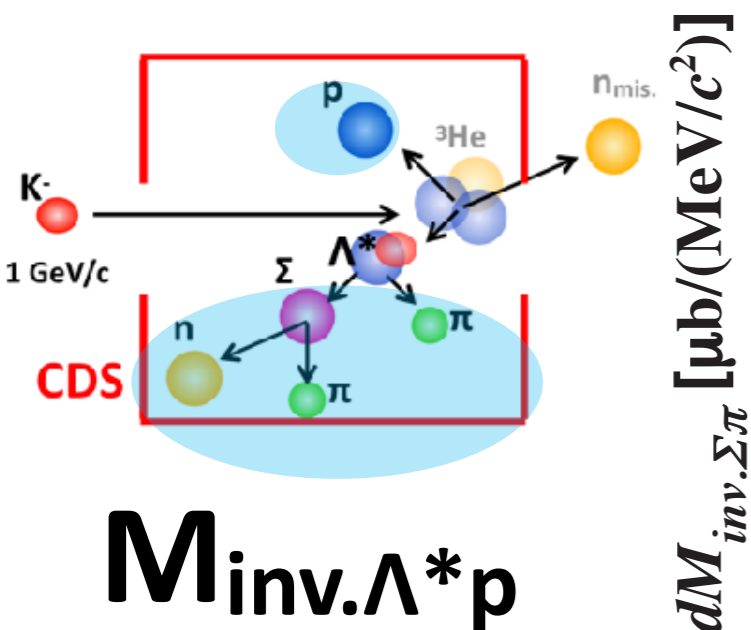
$\Sigma^0(1385)$

$d\sigma/dM_{inv.(\Sigma\pi)p}$ [$\mu\text{b}/(\text{MeV}/c^2)$]

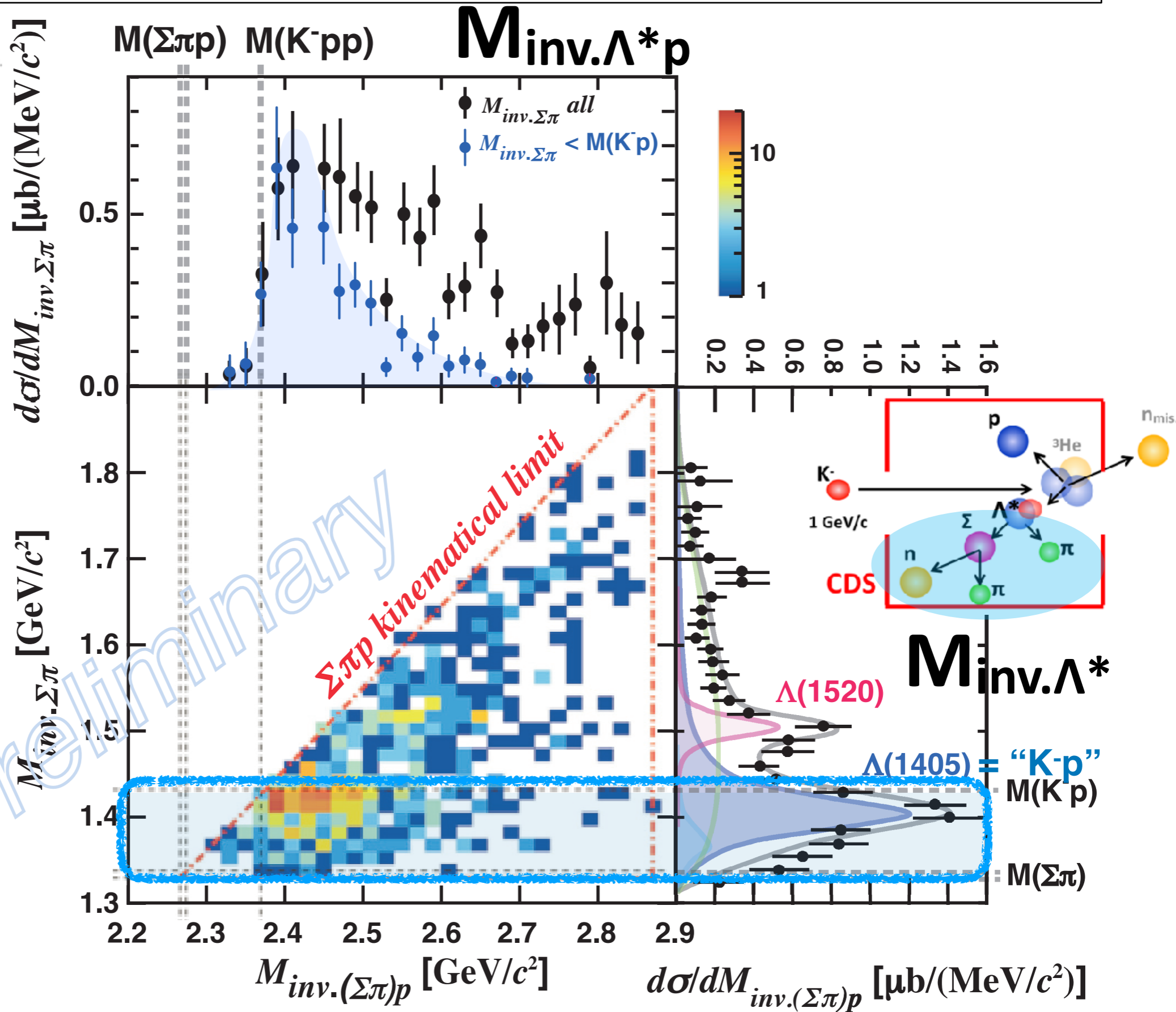
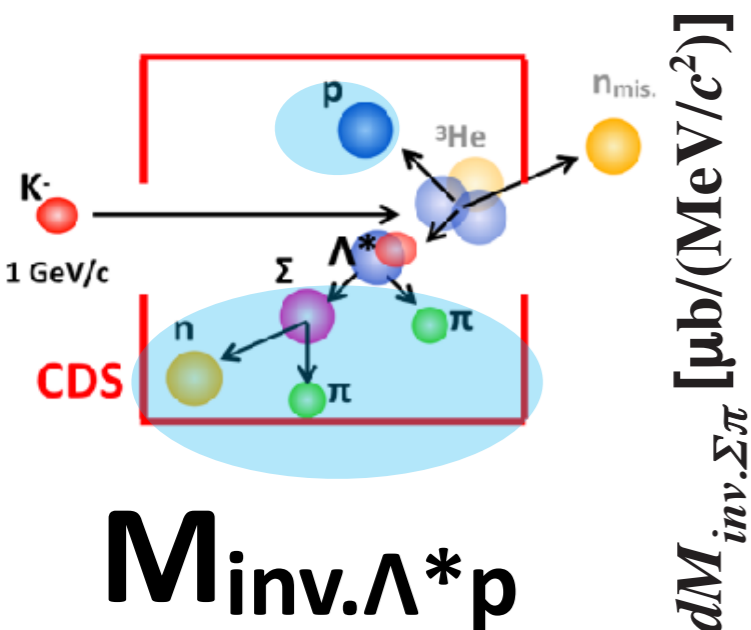


$\Lambda(1405)$ strength sharply drops at $M(Kp)$

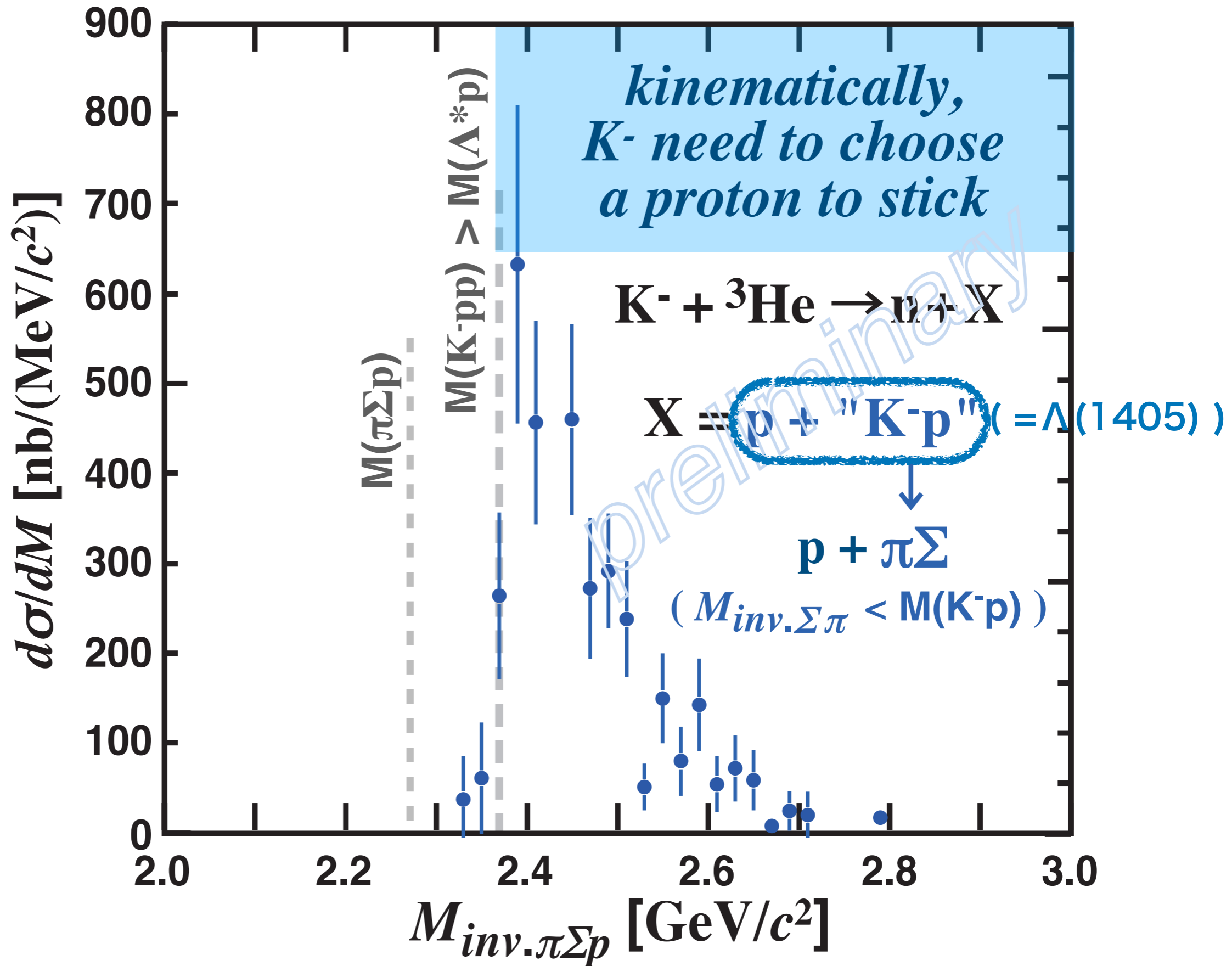
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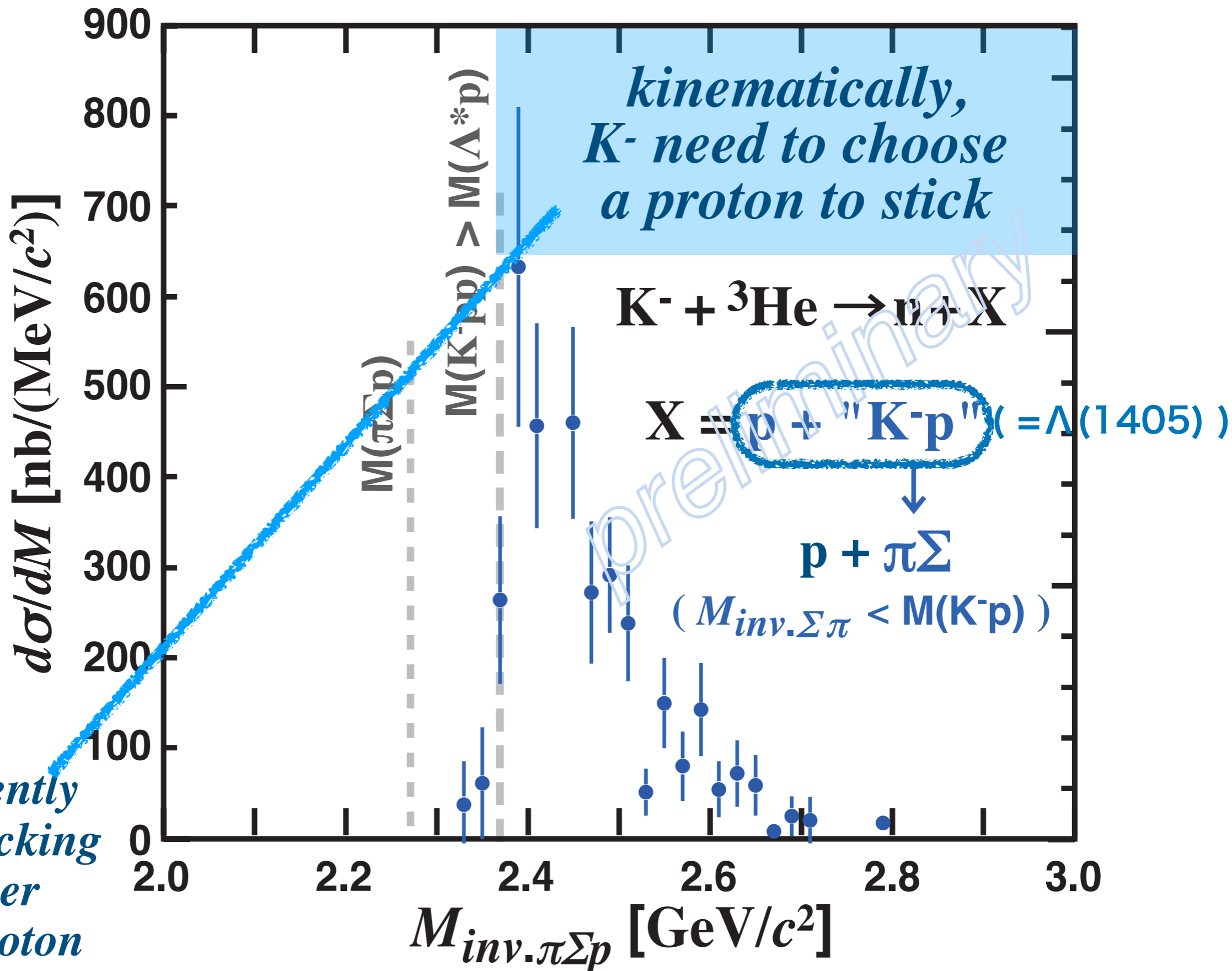
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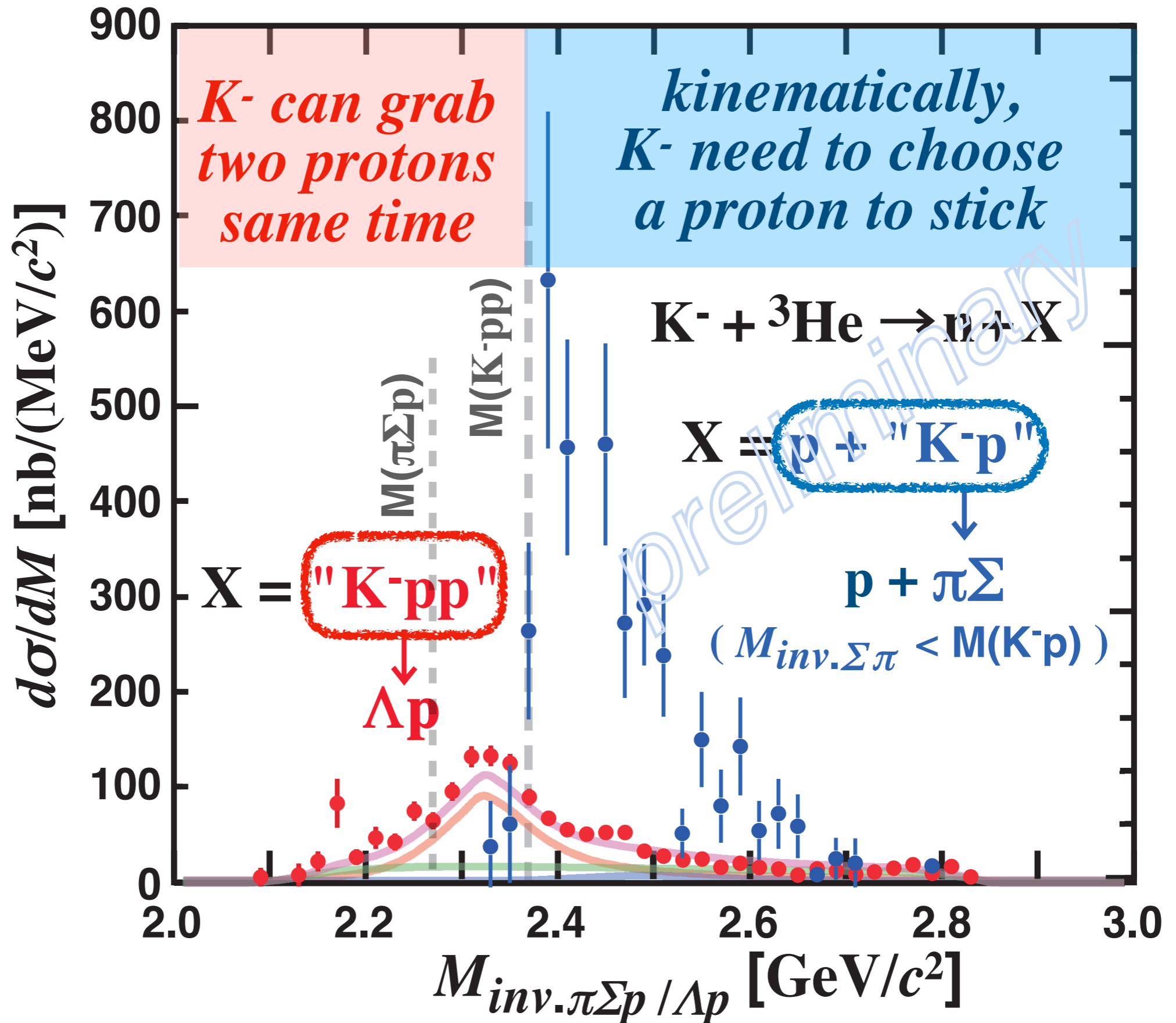


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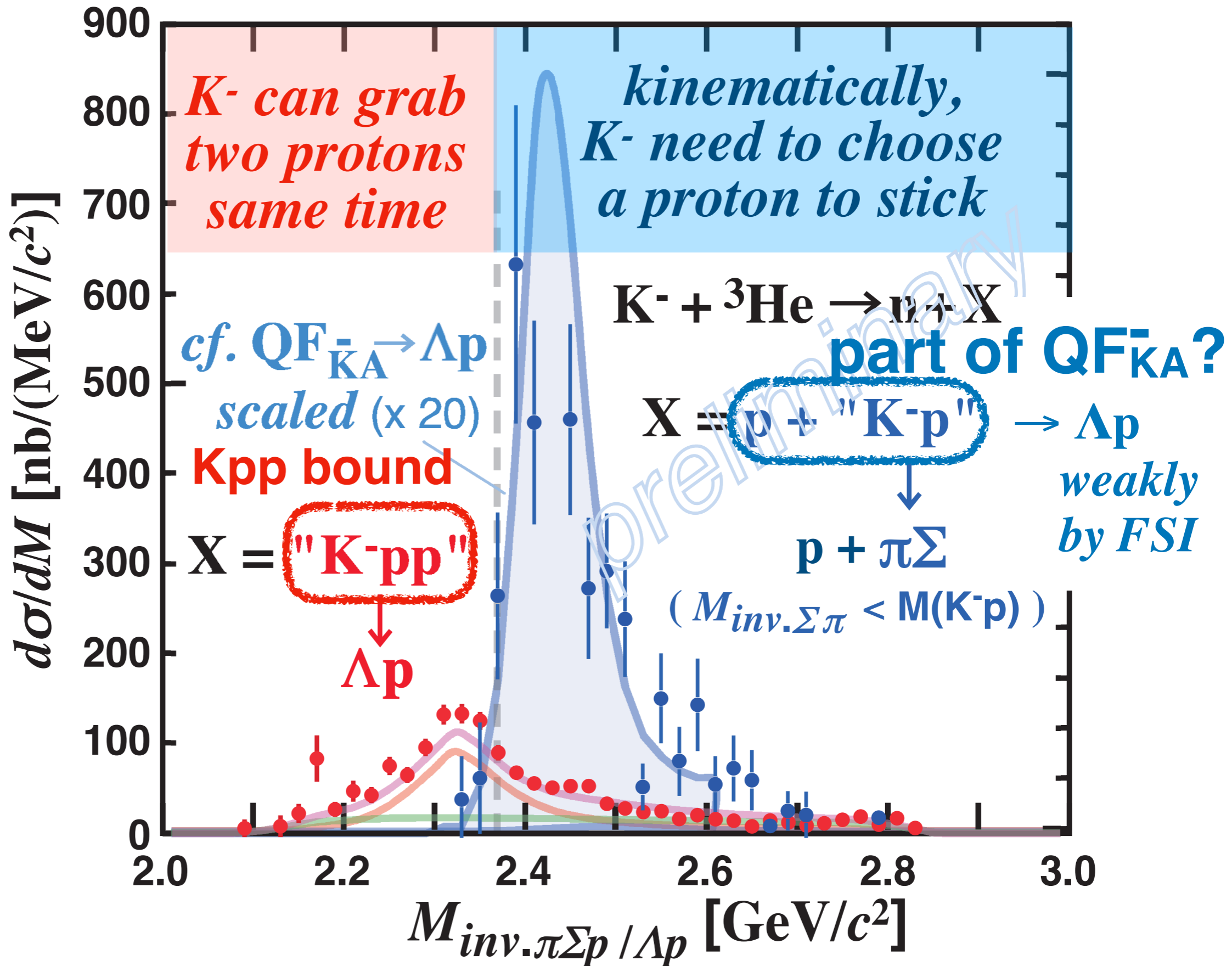


Λ is efficiently
formed by kicking
out another
spectator proton*

“K-pp” \rightarrow Λp - vs - **“K-p”** + p \rightarrow $\pi\Sigma$ + p



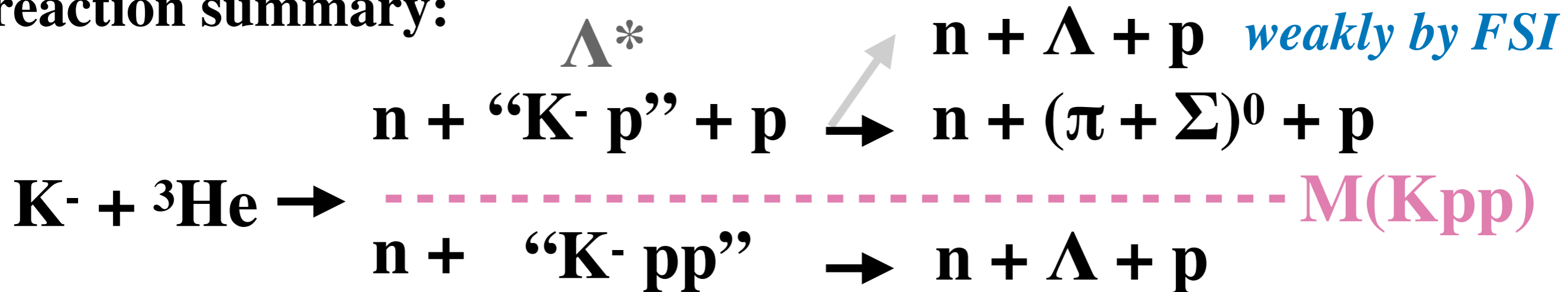
"K⁻pp" - vs - QF $\bar{K}A$



conclusion B:

“Kp” (=Λ*) formation observed
with sharp drop at M(Kp)

reaction summary:



virtual “K⁻” energy controls the reaction branch

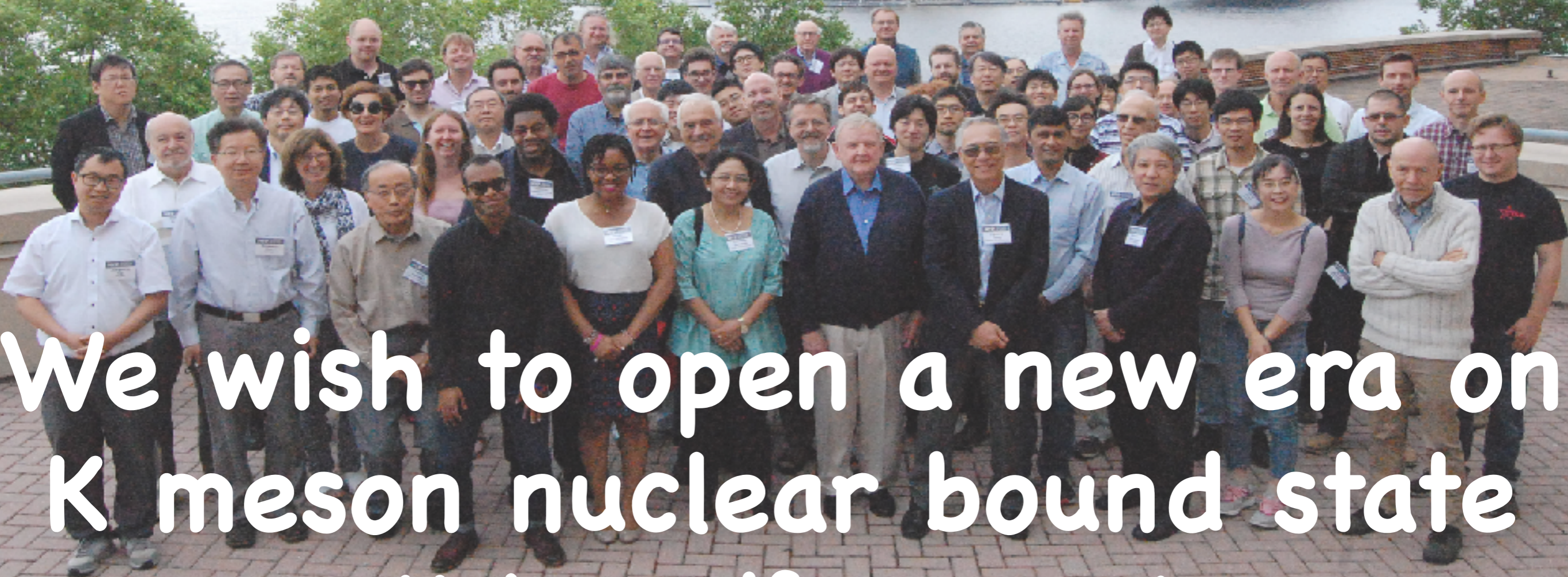
**“Kpp” seems more like ‘Kpp’
rather than ‘Λ* p’**

consistent picture w/ “K-p” & “K-pp”

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yet another conclusion



**We wish to open a new era on
K meson nuclear bound state
Help us if you can!**

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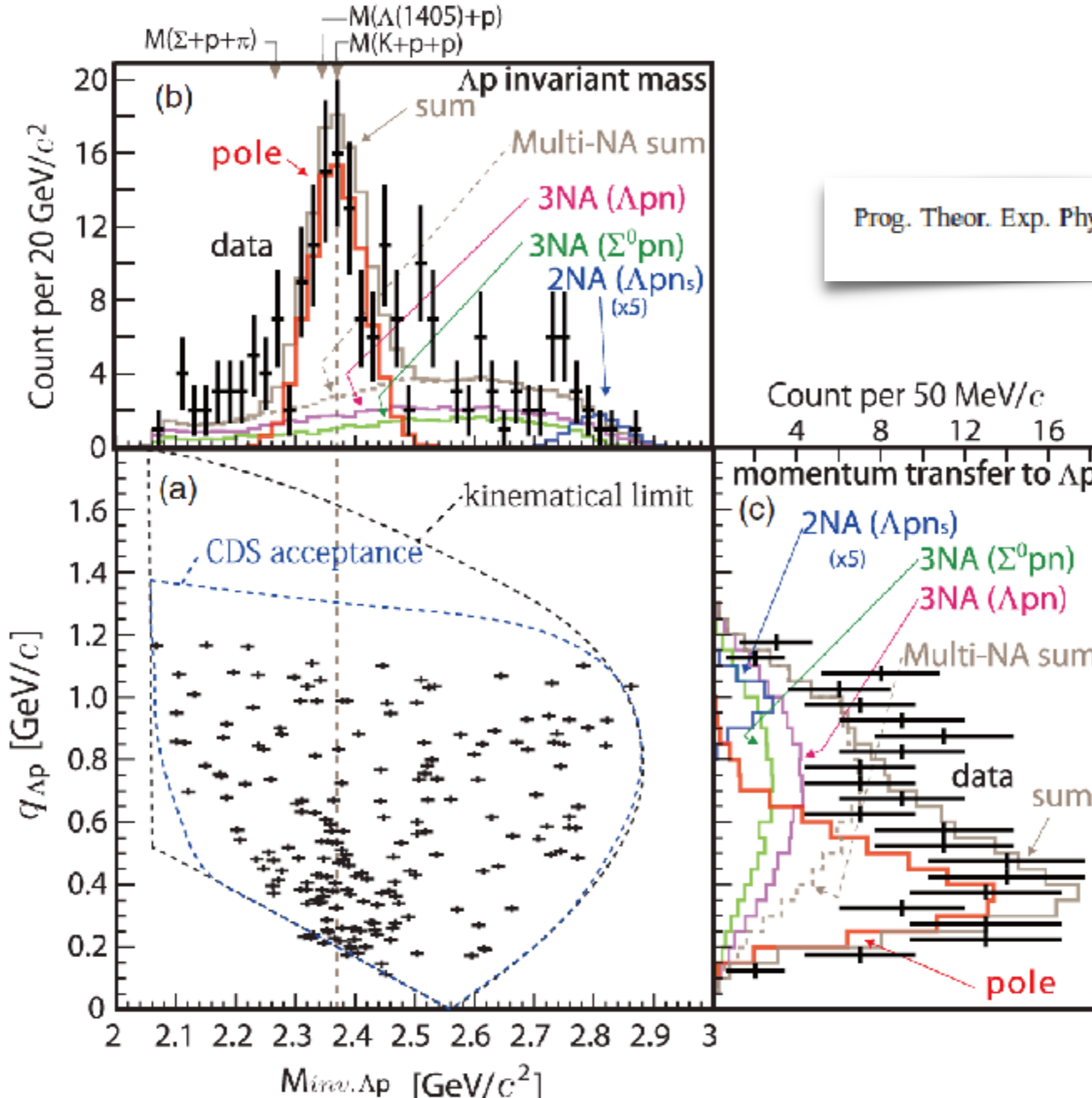


Appendix

Λp + forward $\pi_{\text{mis.}}$ @ E15^{1st}

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momentum of virtual kaon
in spectator frame



invariant mass of Λp

$\sigma_M(\Lambda p) \sim 10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

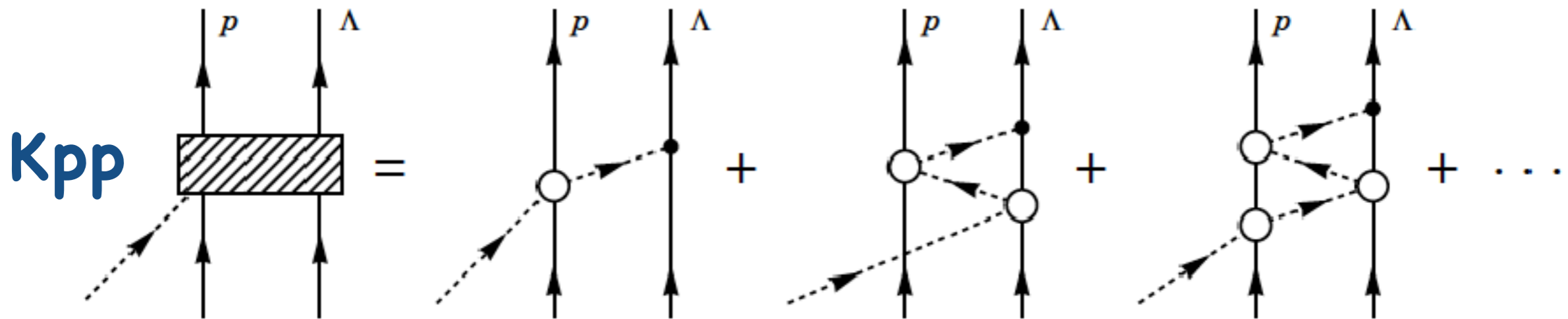
Higher statistics @ E15^{2nd}

(Λ p)_{CDS} + forward n

in parallel to the 2nd run

$\Lambda p + n_{\text{mis.}}$ vs. theory

Structure in E15^{1st} can be explained with quasi-free K absorption ($\text{QF}_{\bar{K}A}$) & Kpp @ χ -UM?



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On the structure observed in the in-flight ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ reaction at J-PARC

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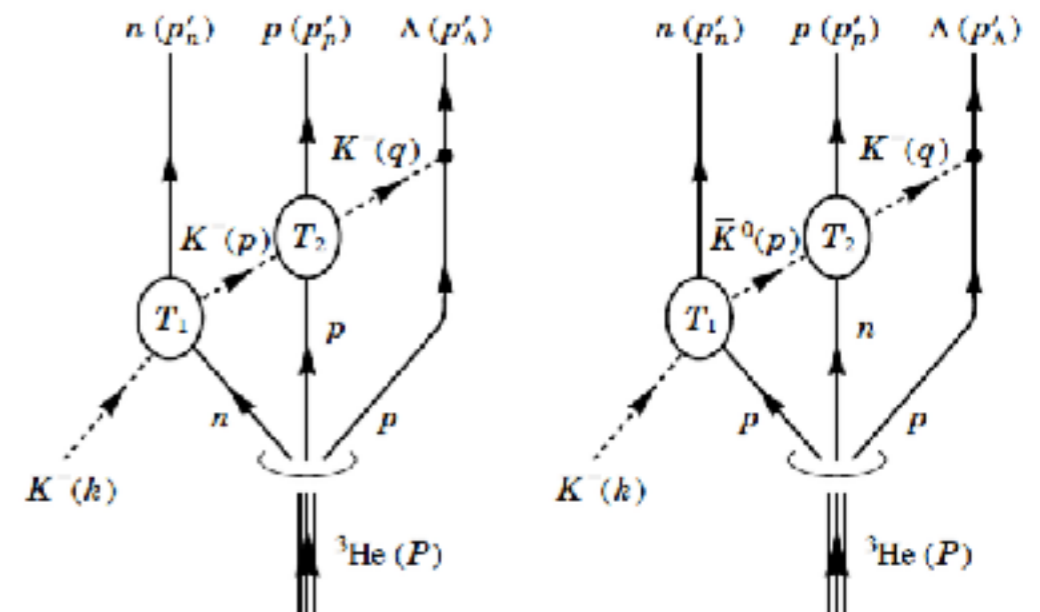
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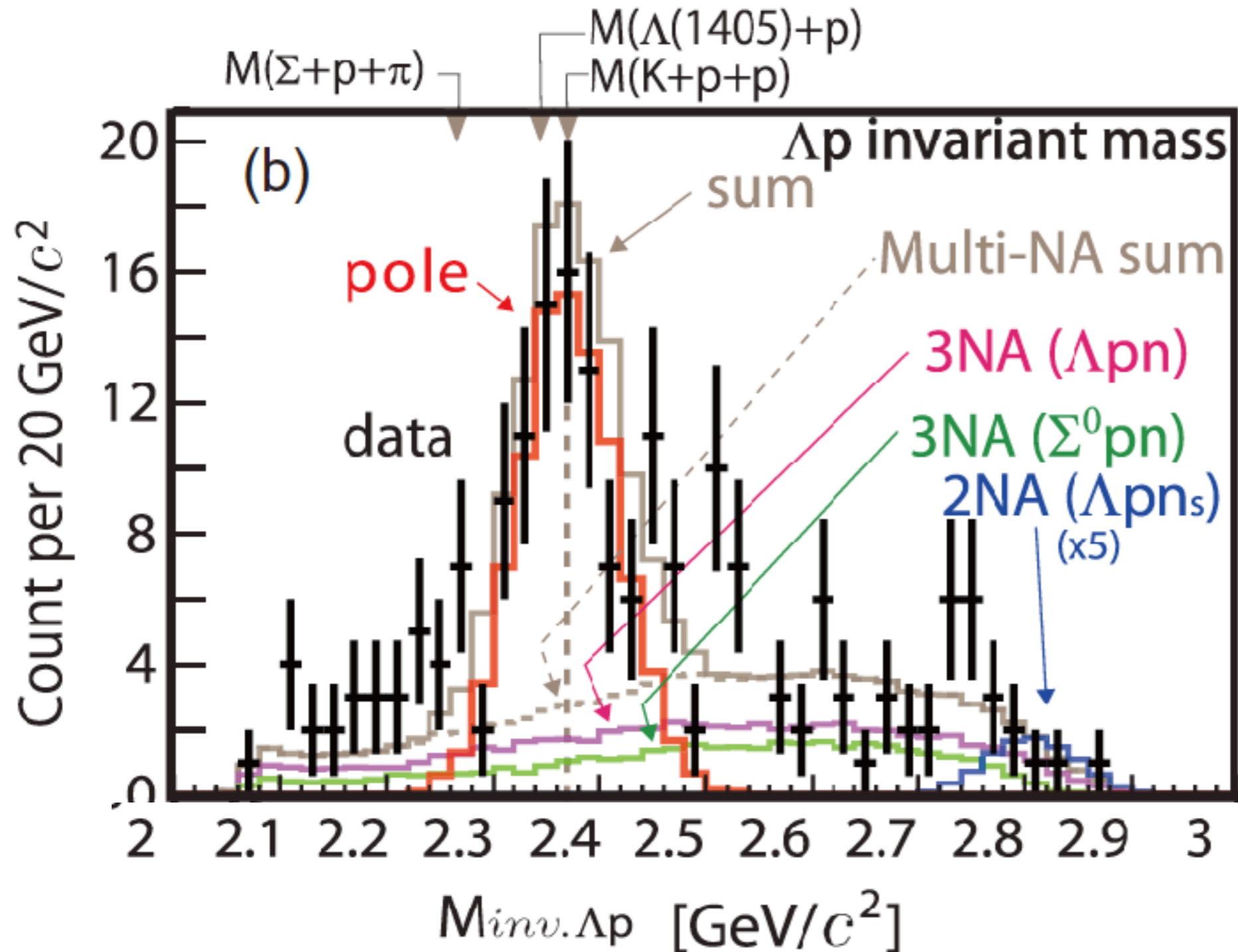
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QF $\bar{K}A$

in parallel to the 2nd run

$\Lambda p + n_{\text{mis.}}$ vs. theory



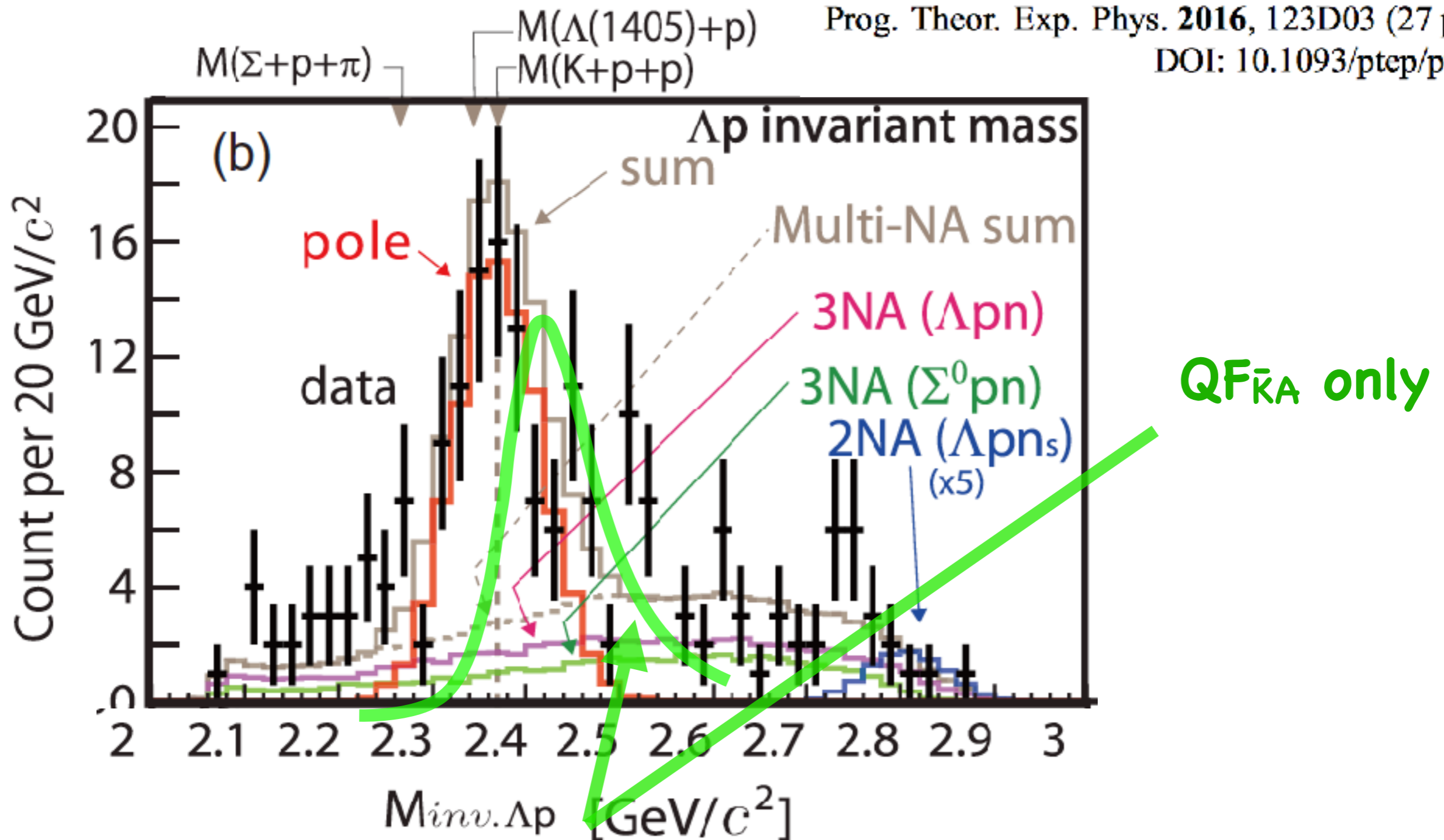
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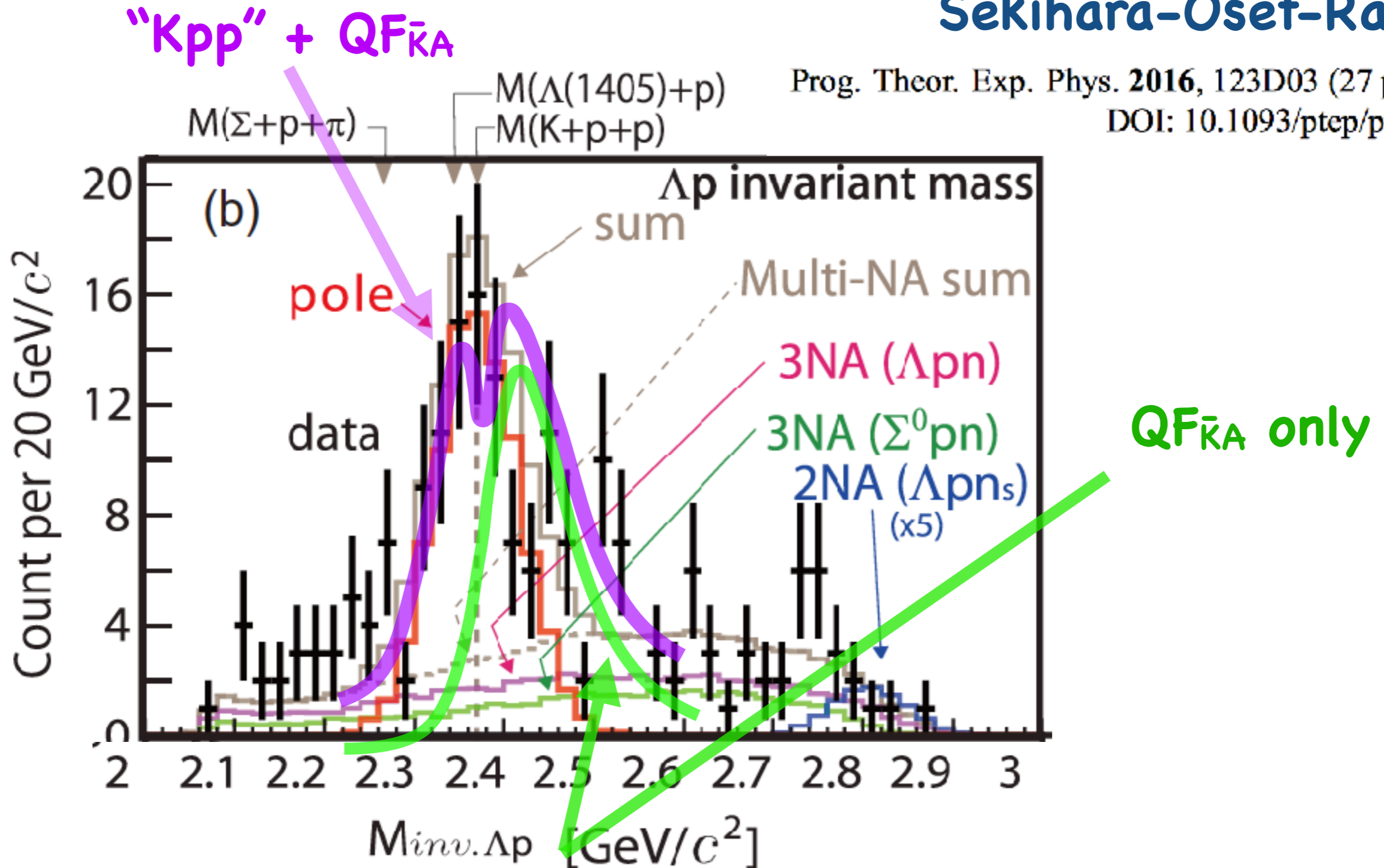
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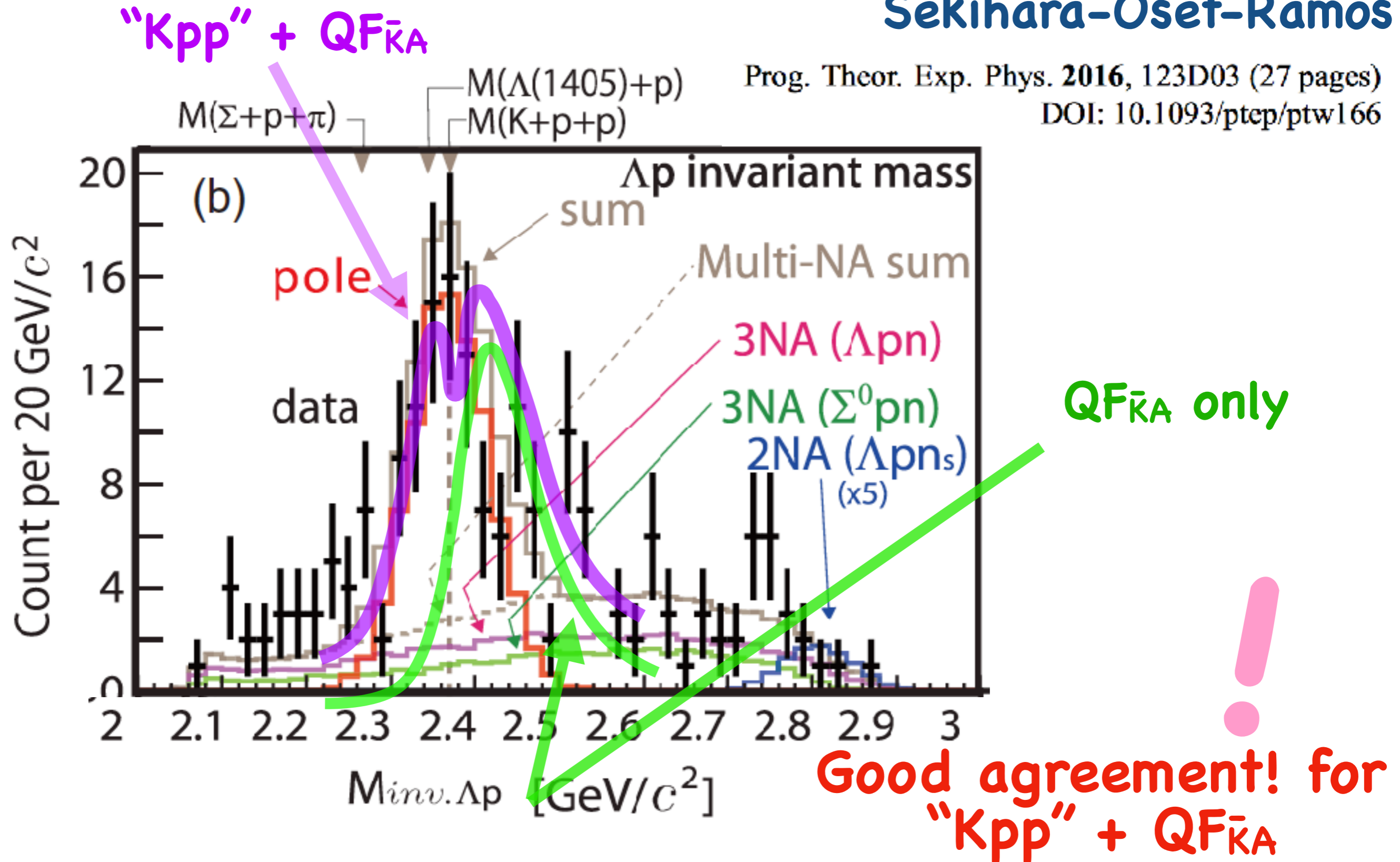
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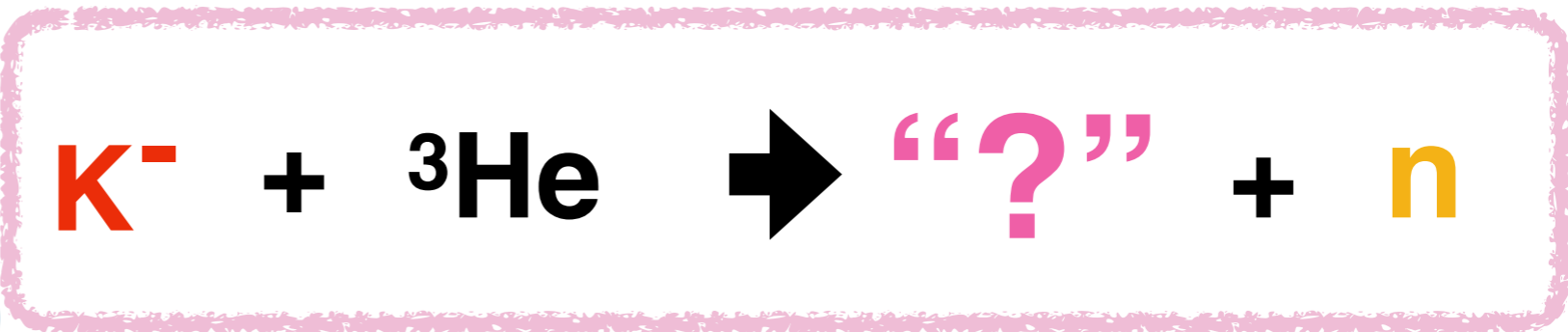
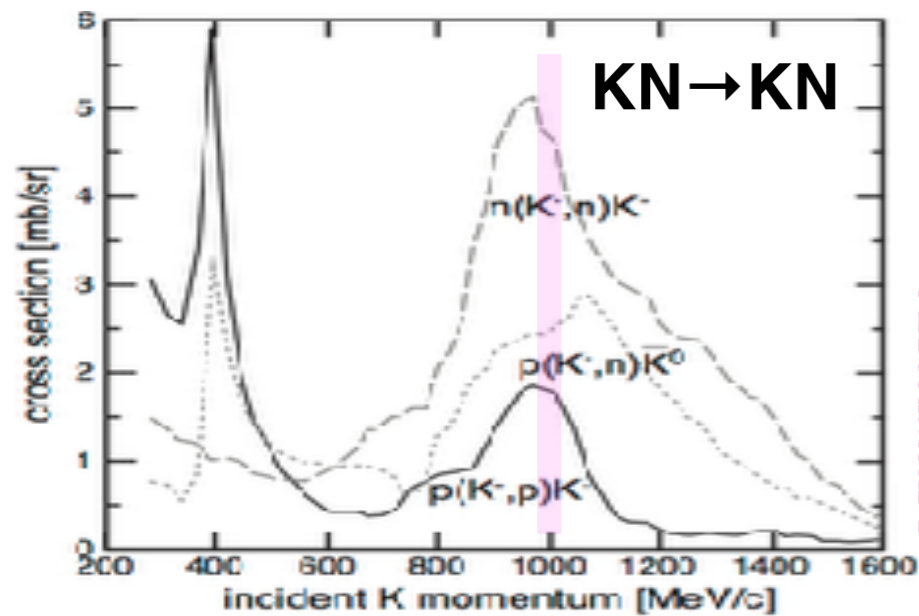
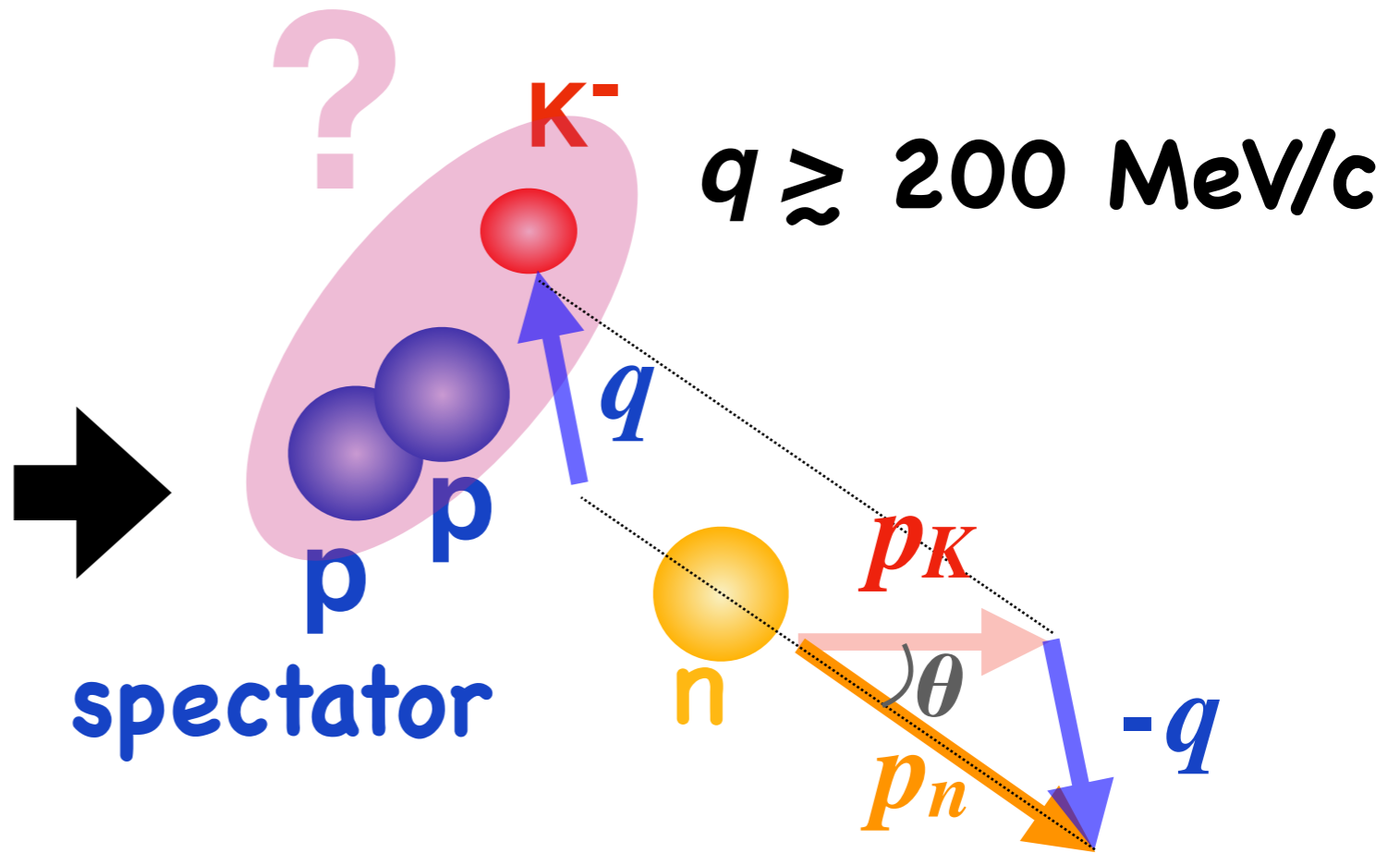
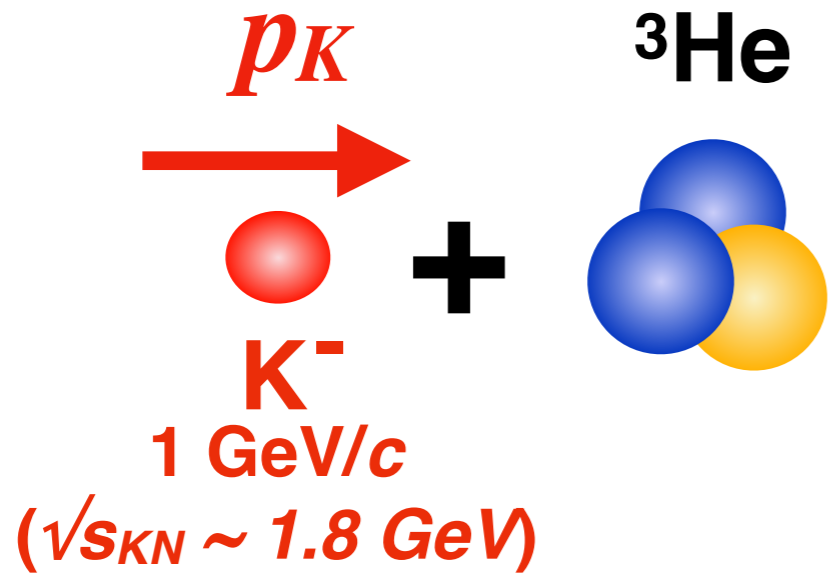
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Kinematics



opening angle θ unique for given $M_{inv. \text{“?”}}$

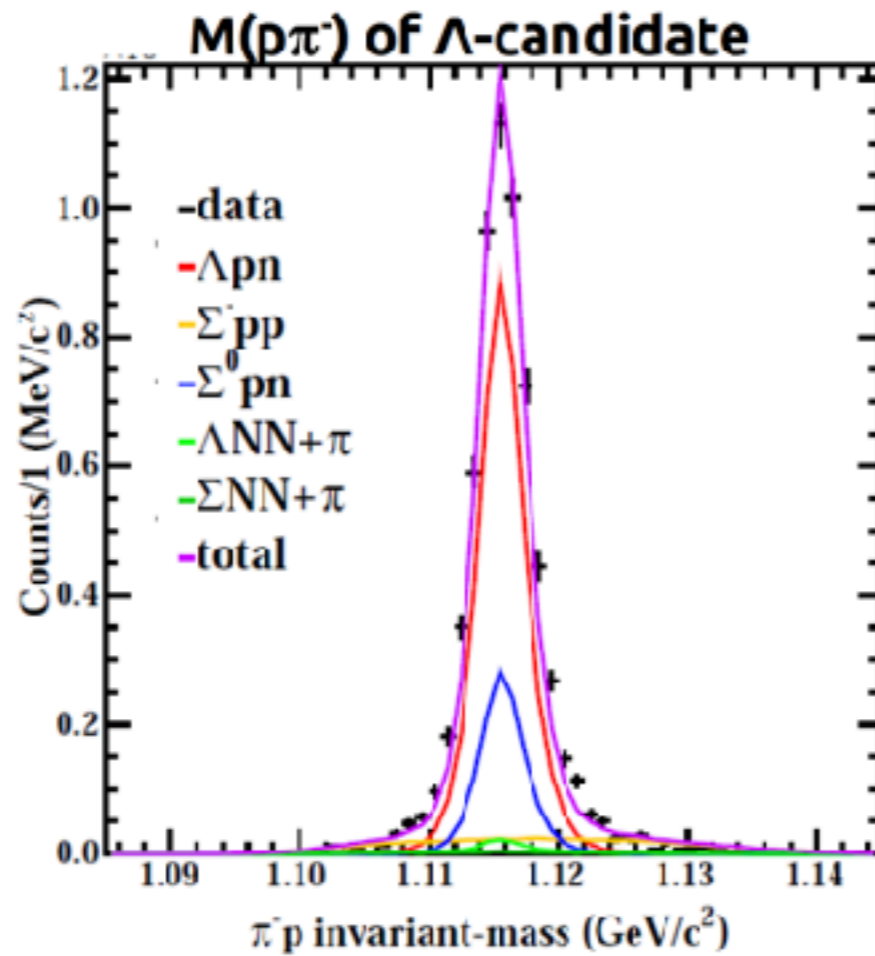
$q \leftrightarrow \theta$

momentum transfer

Λ pn event selection (present logic)

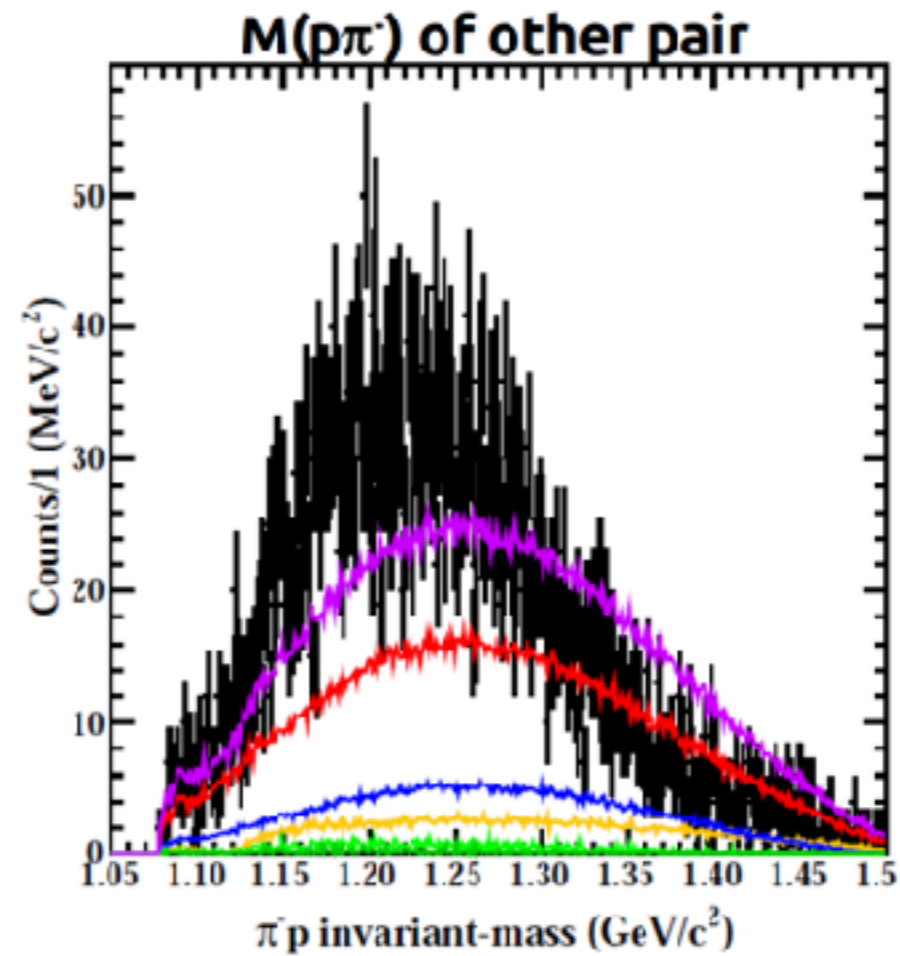
$p\pi^-$ invariant mass

After Λ pn event selection



correct $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ pair

(smaller $\ln L$)



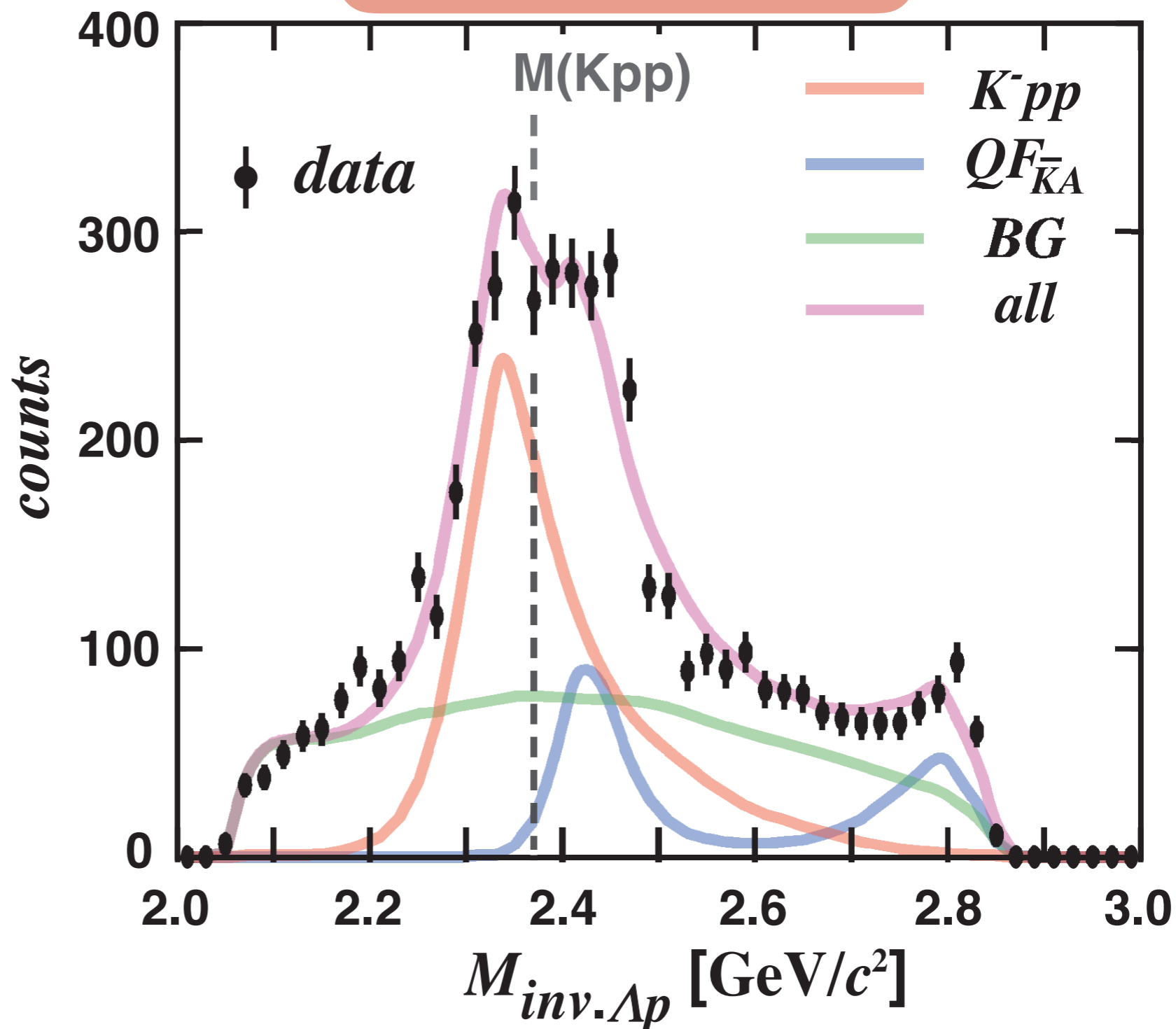
wrong $p\pi^-$ pair

(larger $\ln L$)

$M_{inv.\Lambda p}$ $n_{mis.}$ + Λ p

$$\rho_{3B}(M, q) \times \mathcal{E}(M, q) \times \frac{(\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}{(M - M_{Kpp})^2 + (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2} \times \exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{Q_{Kpp}^2}\right)$$

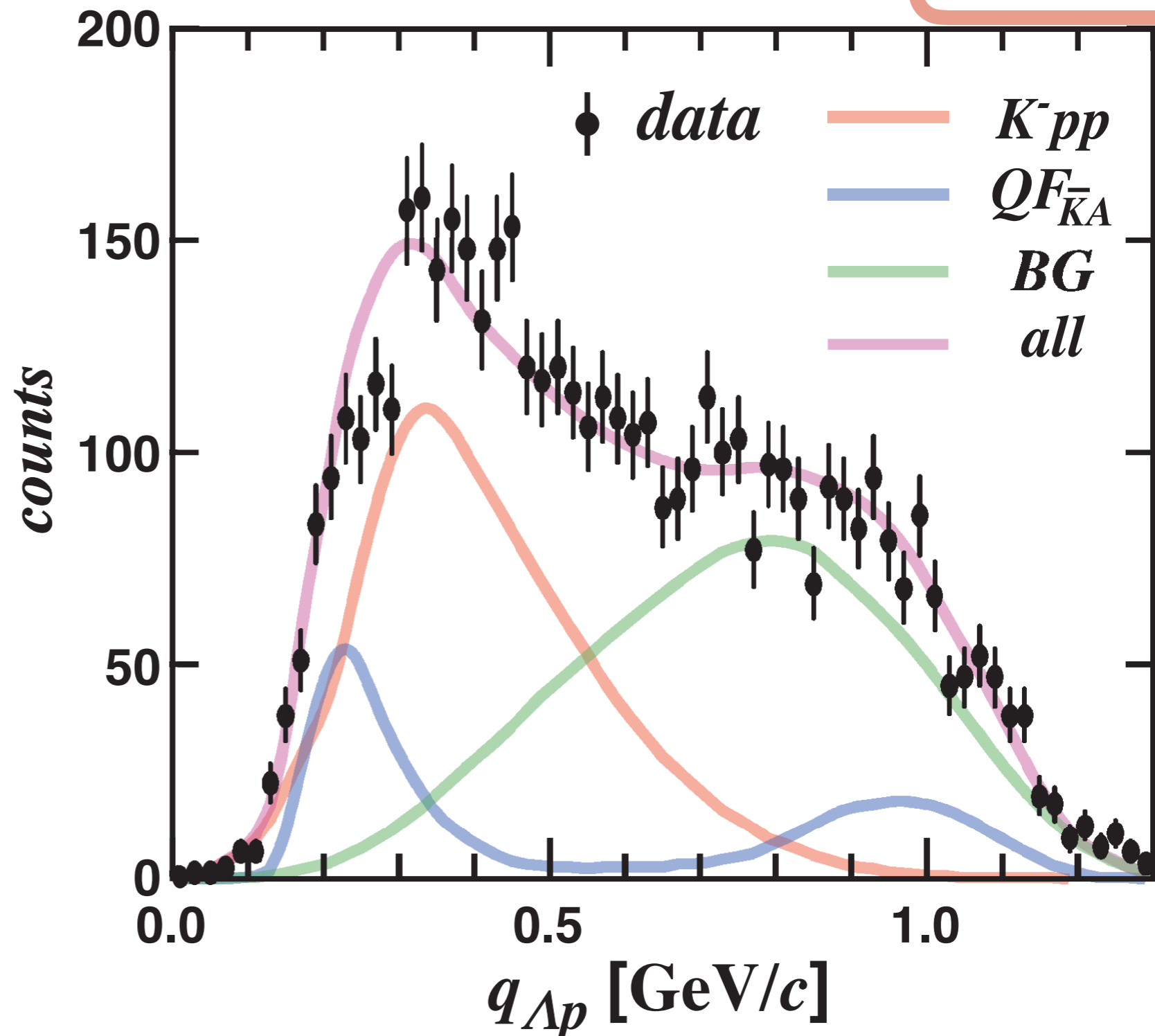
M spectrum



$M_{\text{inv.}\Lambda p}$ $n_{\text{mis.}}$ + Λp

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q spectrum



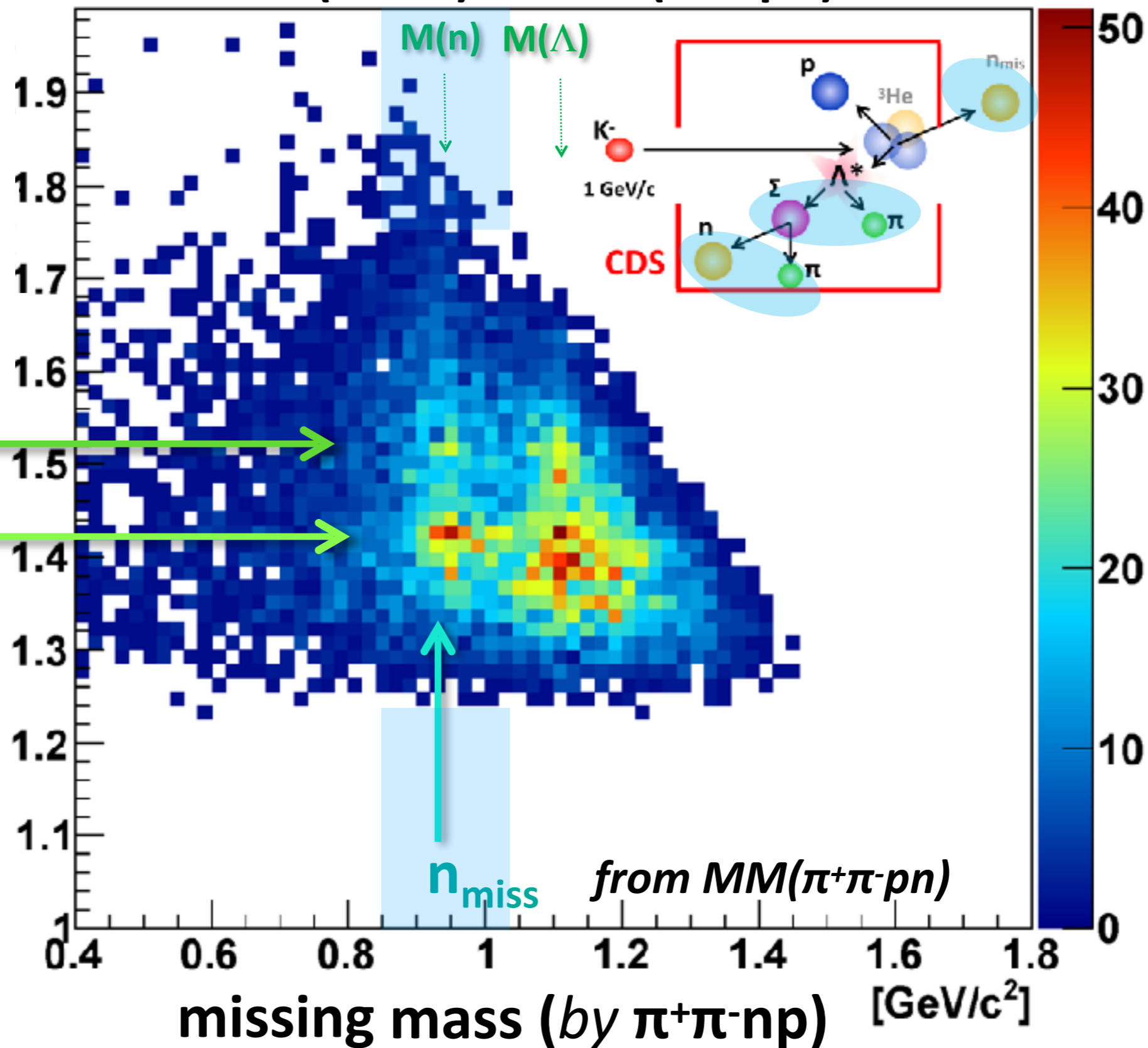
$\Lambda^*(\pi\Sigma)pn$ Events

IM($n\pi^+\pi^-$) vs MM($\pi^+\pi^-pn$)

Λ^* mass
(by $\pi^+(\pi^-n)$
or $\pi^-(\pi^+n)$)

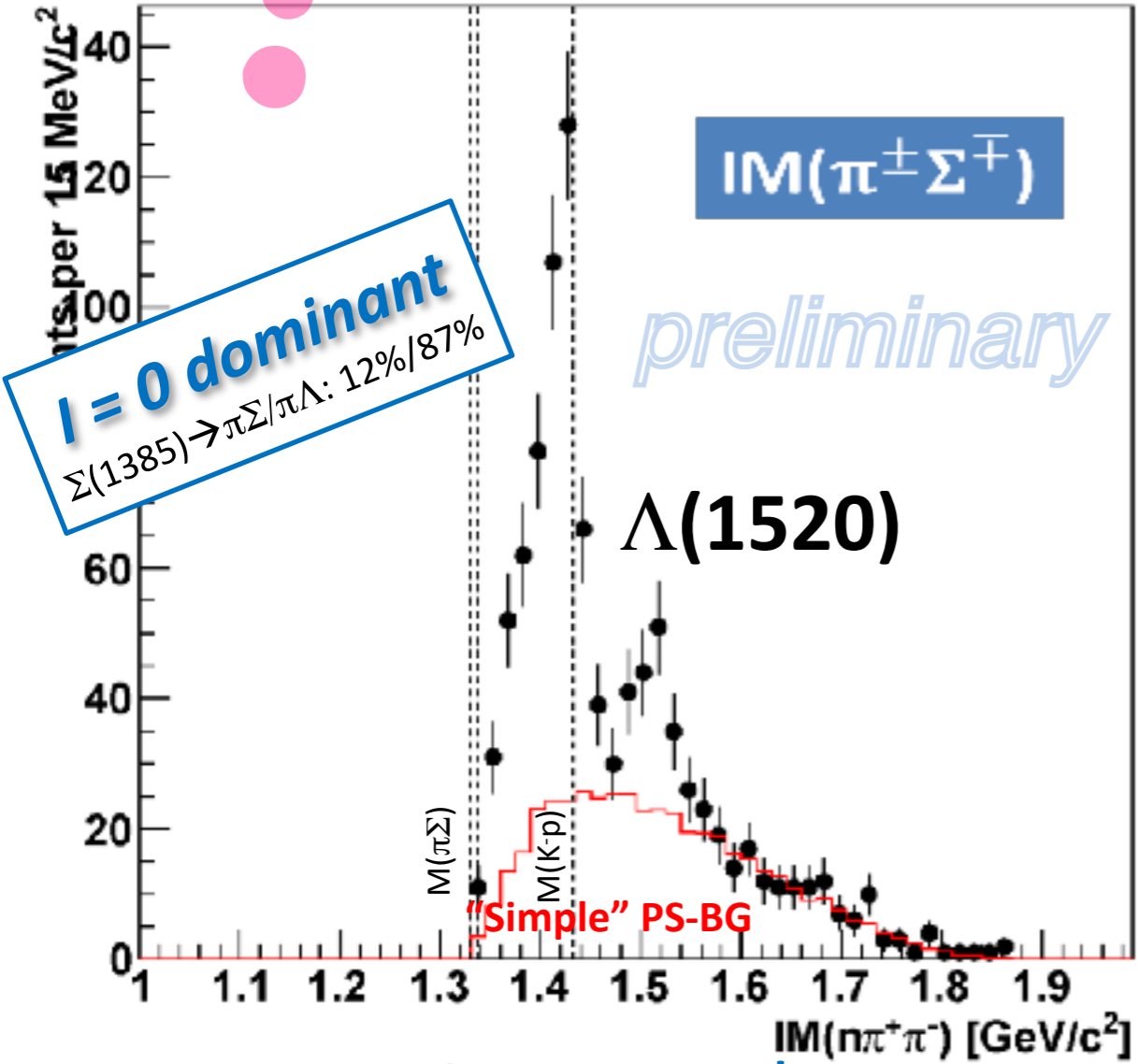
$\Lambda(1520)$

$\Lambda(1405)$



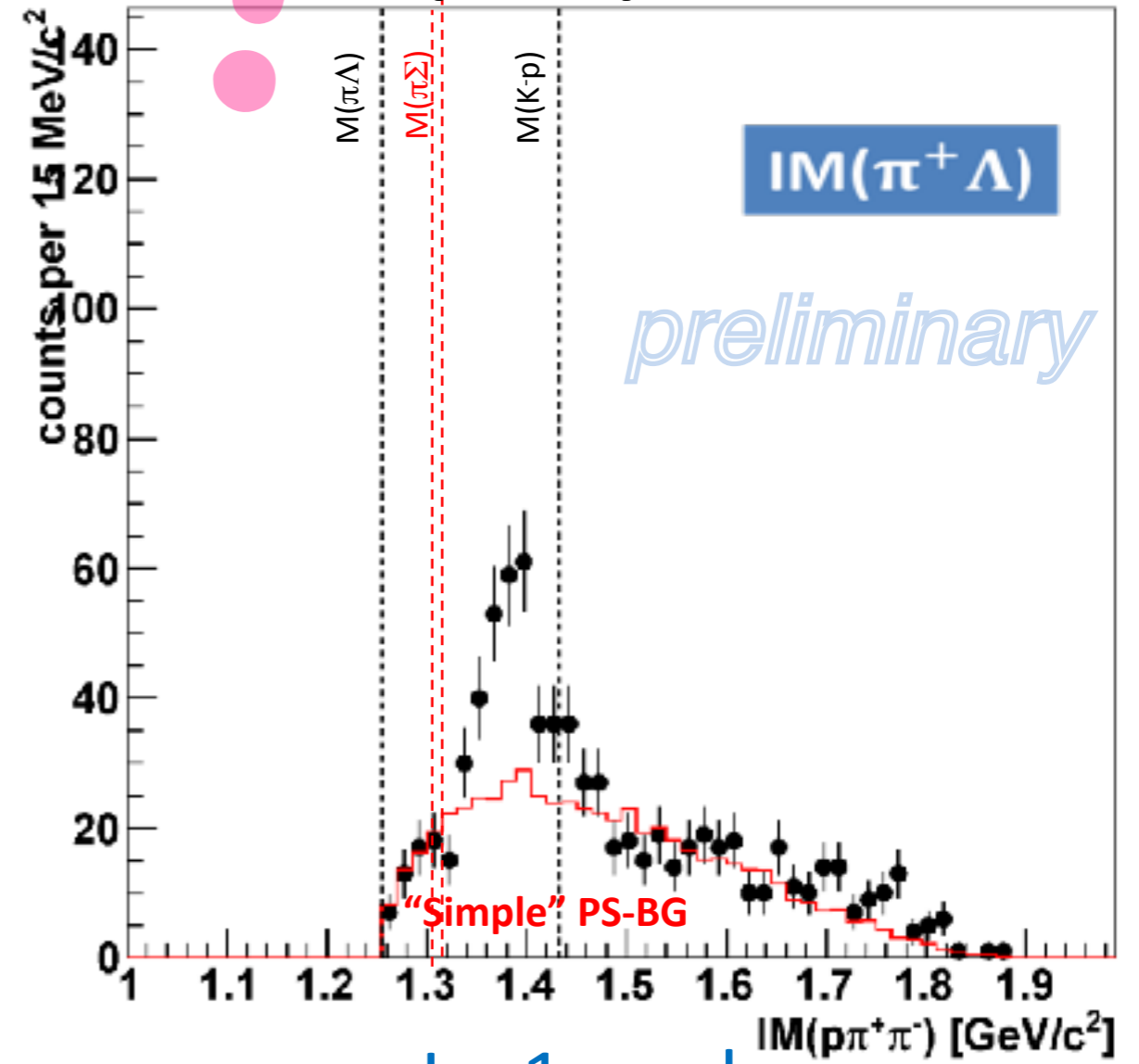
$\Lambda^*(\pi\Sigma)pn$ vs. $\Sigma^{*+}(\pi^+\Lambda)nn$

$\Lambda(1405) / \Sigma^0(1385)$



$I = 0$ and 1 mode Λ^* mass

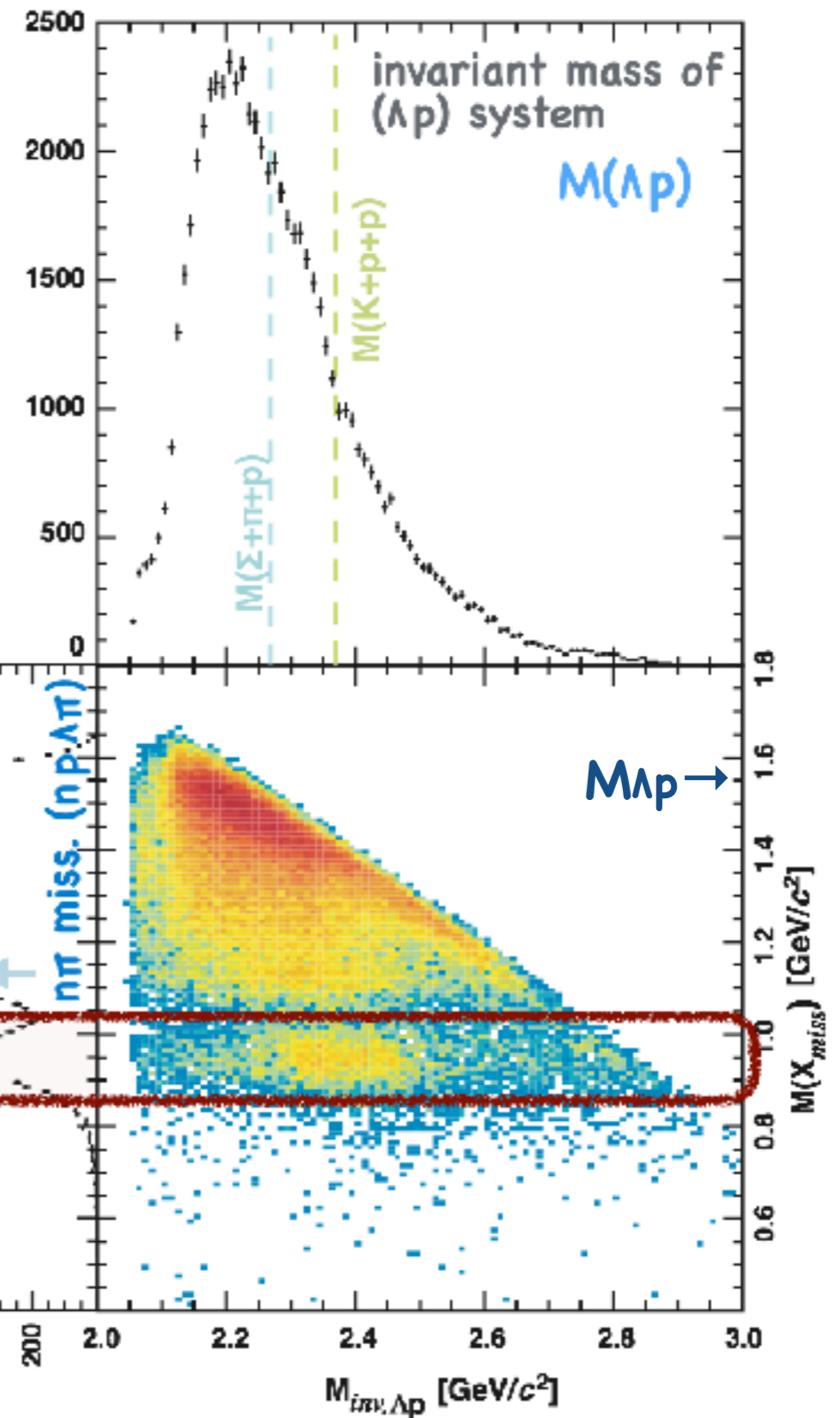
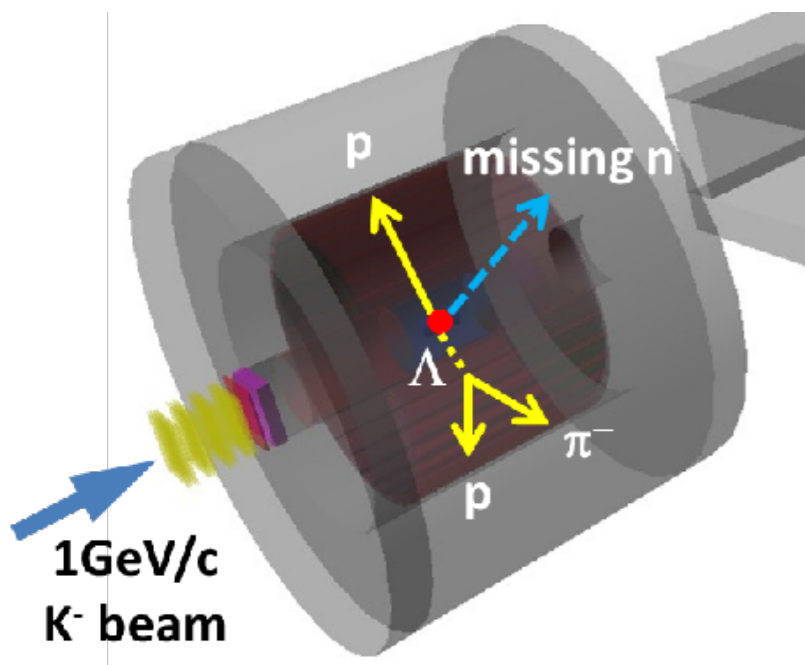
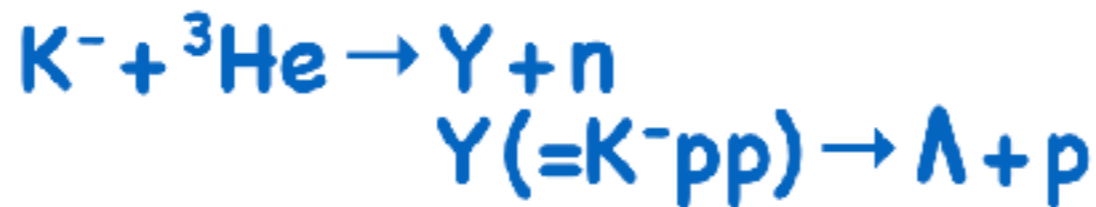
$\Sigma^+(1385)$



$I = 1$ mode Σ^* mass

Λ pn event selection (previous logic)

Improving statistics via “pp π - trigger”



n -window

$n\pi$ miss. ($n p \Sigma^0$)

n miss. ($n p \Lambda$)

$M(X_{\text{mis}})$

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